A meeting of the Lowndes County Board of Health was held by conference call on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. by conference call.

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| **Members Present** | **Members Absent** | **Others Present** |
| Dr. Mark Eanes, Chairman | Dr. Mary Margaret Richardson | Dr. William R. Grow |
| Mayor Scott Matheson |  | Patrina Bowles |
| Dr. Frances Brown |  | Teresa Giles |
| Bill Slaughter |  | Kim Davis |
| Wes Taylor |  | Jessica Spells |
| Dr. Randall Smith, Secretary |  | Dexter Dudley |
|  |  | Kyle Coppage |

**Call to Order**

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**Public Comments**

* Dr. Grow introduced Kim Davis as the new County Nurse Manager of the Lowndes County Health Department.

**Public Comments**

* There were no public comments.

**Approval of May 26, 2020 Minutes (Attached)**

* The minutes from the May 26, 2020 meeting were approved as presented.

**Business**

**Financial Information – Teresa Giles (Attached)**

* Ms. Giles informed the Board that Lowndes’ budget was in the second month of the fiscal year and one revision has been made to adjust Grant-in-Aid cut that was projected but did not actually go through. The current GIA allotment is now at $2,933,631.
* It was projected Lowndes would use approximately $300,000 of the fund balance; however, that amount decreased to $89,000. Ms. Giles noted it is early in the fiscal year and she was not sure if all of the new projected amount would be used.
* The Board was informed employee time is being tracked with the anticipation to be reimbursed with CARES Act funding according to the state.
* Fees decreased to approximately $169,000. Dr. Grow added that Lowndes’ still has a good fund balance despite the decrease in fees and good stewardship with health department funds.

**Public Health Updates – William R. Grow, MD, FACP (Attached)**

* Dr. Grow provided an update about COVID-19 activity since the May meeting, outlining the number of cases in the United States (approximately 203,000), in Georgia (approximately 6,600) and the number of deaths in Lowndes County (73).
* There has been a, 18% decrease in daily cases, a 40% decrease in deaths and a 30% decrease in occupied beds. Dr. Grow added mitigating factors such as wearing masks as a contributor in the decrease in numbers.
* The 2020 Legislative Breakfast has been canceled due to social distancing requirements. Dr. Grow indicated he would like to consider resuming them when things become clearer.
* Dr. Grow responded to COVID-19-related questions from the Board.

**Nurse Manager’s Report – Kim Davis/Jessica Spells (Attached)**

* Ms. Spells announced Lowndes has increased the number of essential services being resumed at the health department.
* Vital Records is now open all day, including lunch.
* SPOC sites were moved back to the Civic Center. The hours are 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Monday – Friday and 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. on Saturday.
* Lowndes will proceed with flu vaccinations in Valdosta City Schools. Approximately 9,700 packets were delivered.
* Dr. Eanes asked about the turnaround time for COVID test results. Dr. Grow indicated the timeframe to receive results is now about 24 hours, with weekends being the exception.

**Environmental Health Update – Kyle Coppage (Attached)**

* Mr. Coppage presented the activity report since the last meeting.
* Staff have gotten back to food service inspections and land use has been busy.

**Announcements**

* Dr. Eanes reminded the Board of the upcoming board meetings.

**Adjournment**

* There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dr. Randy Smith, Board Secretary

Patrina Bowles, Typist