

MINUTES OF LAKE CUMBERLAND DISTRICT  
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

The first meeting of the Lake Cumberland District Board of Health convened on July 1, 1971, at 7:00 P.M., C.D.T., at the Anchor Inn Motel Restaurant in Monticello, Kentucky.

Members Present:

Ernest Barnes, M.D.  
Hoover Perry, M.D.  
Nancy West, R.N.  
Gordon Betts, M.D.  
Joseph Dunkum, D.M.D.  
Stephen Kelley, M.D.  
Joe Montgomery, County Attorney  
Dorothy Tohill, R.N.  
Thomas Wilson, M.D.  
Frank Duncan, M.D.  
Eli R. Matthews, D.M.D.  
Peggy Moore, R.N.  
Mack Roberts, M.D.  
Wilson Shearer, County Judge

Proxy Votes Submitted Prior to Business Session:

C. C. Langford  
Joseph Schickel, M.D.  
Merrill Winchester, M.D.  
Robert Anderson, County Judge

Members Absent:

Joe Cerrato, County Judge  
Floyd Hay, M.D.  
Eddie Lovelace  
Janet Rice, R.N.  
D. B. Robinson, D.M.D.  
Janice Akins, R.N.  
Thomas J. Miller, D.M.D.  
James W. Morris, M.D.  
William Owsley, M.D.  
Lyle Webb, County Judge  
Lewis Williams  
James Anderson, D.M.D.  
David Ross  
John Garner, County Judge  
Claude McHargue, M.D.  
Arlie Winchester

Others Present:

Phillip R. Spangler

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Nadine Kerfoot  
James Hatfield  
M. A. Shepherd, M.D., M.P.H.  
William R. Kelsay, Jr., M.D.  
John H. Hail  
Paris B. Boles  
Don White  
Carol Price  
Kathryn Barnes  
Jeneane Price

Dr. M. A. Shepherd called the meeting to order and introduced Dr. Mack Roberts who served as temporary chairman until the permanent chairman was elected. Dr. Roberts introduced the Honorable Wilson Shearer, county judge of Wayne County; Mr. Strawn Taylor, staff director, State Comprehensive Health Planning Council; Mr. Pat Bell, staff director, Lake Cumberland Area Development District; and Mr. Phillip Spangler, administrator, Office of Local Health, Kentucky State Department of Health.

Judge Shearer gave a brief discussion of how the district came about and stated that by combining our talents improved programs and services could be rendered.

Mr. Strawn Taylor briefly discussed comprehensive health planning and described the State Comprehensive Health Planning Council and the Regional Health Planning Councils. He expressed congratulations to all who worked to bring the district about.

Mr. Pat Bell discussed district development and public health and briefly touched on how the ADD's council operates. He mentioned that the council needs the help of groups, such as the Lake Cumberland District Health Department, and many other state and federal agencies to be successful in their efforts. He also extended congratulations to all involved in the forming of the district health department.

Mr. Phillip Spangler talked about organization and responsibility of the district health department. He mentioned some of the duties of a district board of health and stated one of the chief objectives of the board is to render services. He explained the organizational structure of the district board and stated that 50 per cent of the membership constitutes a quorum. He suggested that the board adopt certain rules to govern functions of the board; for example, Robert's Rules of Order. Mr. Spangler read in part a letter from the Office of Legal Services regarding how county boards of health are to continue to function as the governing body of taxing districts. While Dr. M. A. Shepherd distributed program plans to each member who desired a copy, questions were directed to Mr. Spangler. He indicated that the indi-

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vidual county board of health exists only as it relates to the whole collective district. A question was asked as to how often the district board should meet and the reply was quarterly but hopefully more often. He also answered a question regarding how to handle problems when they arise in any county in the district by first bringing it to the health officer's attention and then if the board member is not satisfied, it should be brought before the board. Mr. Spangler also told the board after they demonstrate their ability and expertise more money may be forthcoming from the state to hire additional personnel to render services the State Health Department has been rendering from that level.

The next order of business to be taken up was the election of a permanent chairman. Dr. Eli Matthews made a motion to nominate Judge Wilson Shearer as chairman. The motion was seconded by Dr. Frank Duncan. No further nominations were made and Judge Shearer was elected by unanimous consent.

Judge Shearer then presided with the next order of business, appointment of a health officer. Dr. Frank Duncan made a motion to nominate Dr. M. A. Shepherd as district health officer of the five counties. The motion was seconded by Dr. Mack Roberts. There being no further nominations, the motion passed with all members present and all proxies voting yes.

Dr. Shepherd discussed the procedure used in drafting the budget, and further stated the State Department of Health gave the district the money appropriated for maintenance of the Regional Health Office. A motion was made by Dr. Stephen Kelley to adopt the budget as was drafted. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Dorothy Tohill and passed.

Dr. Eli Matthews made a motion to adopt existing county health regulations until such time that changes or revisions are made. Dr. Thomas Wilson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The board then discussed the next meeting date and it was agreed that it is essential to meet again soon to take up several different matters. A date of July 22 at 7:00 P.M., C.D.T., was set and Judge Shearer suggested that Dr. Shepherd and Mr. Hail make the necessary arrangements for the meeting.


The following members voted by proxy at the meeting: Mr. C. C. Langford, Judge R. H. Anderson, Dr. Merrill Winchester, and Dr. Joseph Schickel. All voted yes for Judge Shearer as permanent chairman; yes for Dr. Shepherd as health officer; and yes on the approval of the

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budget. They further voted to go along with Judge Shearer on any other matters that might be brought to a vote. The votes are attached to become a part of the minutes of this meeting.

There being no further business, motion was made in order that the meeting adjourn.

  
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Judge Wilson Shearer, Chairman

  
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M. A. Shepherd, M.D., Secretary