

CITY-COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
Special Board Meeting
Feb. 6, 2015

PRESENT: Sharon Buhr, Chair Tom Overn, Vice Chair
Dr. James Buhr, Secretary

ABSENT: Cindy Schwehr, Madeline Luke

ALSO PRESENT: Theresa Will, RN, Director
Angie Martin, Office Manager

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m. by Sharon Buhr, Chair, in the County Commission room in the Barnes County Courthouse.

AGENDA: Agenda approved as printed.

OLD BUSINESS: New building/renovations: Will and Sharon Buhr met with construction group Thursday, Feb. 5. Trio Environmental Consulting rep Tom Gentzkow (via phone) informed the group that there are environmental issues in the tunnel under the building that houses natural gas and water pipes. Gave rough estimates on cost, doesn't have any bids yet.

This meeting, however, is in regards to skim-coating the floor for VCT tile. The cost is \$2,640. Skim-coating needs to be done to the cement floor to even it out before the tile is laid down. Dr. Buhr made a motion to do skim-coating for VCT tile at a cost of \$2,640. Second by Overn. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

(Return to tunnel discussion)

All elbows (210 fittings) in the tunnel have asbestos. There is asbestos debris on the floor. Buhr and Will asked if CCHD could hire someone to just clean up the debris rather than totally mitigate the asbestos, but this wasn't recommended. Tunnel is 4' wide by 5' tall and runs around the interior perimeter of the original building. To clean the tunnel would cost \$18,000 to \$22,000. To remove asbestos from the fittings would be \$2,000-\$3,000 (these are only ballpark estimates, according to Gentzkow, not bids). Then he would have to prepare an RFP at a cost of \$500. He would also have to do air monitoring during the project (approximately 6-8 days) at \$675/day. Architect would get 10% of this cost. Total cost of approximately \$35,000 to mitigate. To expedite the process Sharon and Theresa already gave Tom permission to send out the RFP. He thought he could get bids back by Tuesday so Board could look at them at a Wednesday Board meeting. Board members expressed concerns that this area wasn't tested for asbestos when testing was being done in other parts of the building. Will stated that the initial inspection by Lars Knobloch of Fargo didn't involve testing as this was done prior to buying the building. Trio originally collected 30 samples in 2014 for asbestos.

Betty Olson, CCHD administrative services coordinator, searched for a grant for mitigating asbestos and found a possibility for \$25,000. The county may have to apply for us as a government entity. Could apply for up to a year after the project is completed. The Board will look more at this grant (or other options) at the next special meeting Feb. 11.

Sharon discussed the expense budget – CCHD is sitting better at this point than originally expected. Will now shows \$845.64 in contingency fund (before the \$35,000 asbestos issue). Board discussed preliminary options and will make decision at Feb. 11 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:49 p.m. The next **special meeting** will be **Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.** in the Commission room.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. James Buhr, Secretary