

City of Harlan Insurance Committee – October 27, 2016

The City of Harlan Insurance Committee met at 12:00 noon., Thursday, October 27, 2016 in the City Council Chambers. Chairperson Kroger called the meeting to order. The following members were:

Present: City: Chairperson Sharon Kroger, Greg Bladt, and Dave Miller

HMU: Terry Arentson

Absent: Mike Jones

Also Present: Mayor Kate Kohorst, Gene Gettys, Pam Meurer, Jenney Kelly, Mike Hadfield, Steve Gessert, Brent Scheve, Ken Weber and Jane Smith

It was moved by Arentson and seconded by Miller to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

No conflicts of interest were stated.

The Committee discussed the Health Insurer Fee ceasing January 1, 2017, thus reducing the premium. It was moved by Bladt and seconded by Arentson to direct staff to adjust insurance premiums effective January 1, 2017 per the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016, Title II, § 201, Moratorium on Annual Fee on Health Insurance Providers. The Act suspends the health insurance provider fee for the calendar year 2017. The motion carried unanimously.

Using a Flex Debit Card for Flexible Spending Accounts was discussed. It was noted that any Flex participant who elects the automatic reimbursement option would not be eligible to use a Debit Card. It was moved by Miller and seconded by Arentson to table the use of a Flex Debit Card until next year's renewal period. The motion carried unanimously.

The Iowa Insurance Division case was discussed. No action was taken.

It was moved by Miller and seconded by Bladt to move forward to investigate what our insurance plan offers to encourage healthy choices. The motion carried unanimously. Carolyn Rebel of Holmes-Murphy will be asked for suggestions, to give to the committee at renewal time.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.