

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: Monday, November 21, 2022
TIME: 1:00 p.m.
PLACE: Wood County Courthouse – Room 114

PRESENT: Ed Wagner, Lance Pliml, Adam Fischer (via Webex), Donna Rozar (via Webex)

EXCUSED: Laura Valenstein

OTHERS PRESENT (for part or all of the meeting, in person or via Webex): Bill Clendenning, Dennis Polach, Kimberly McGrath, Kelli Francis, Ed Newton, Kathy Alft, Heather Gehrt, Amy Kaup, Jodi Pingel, Trent Miner, PaNyia Yang, Tim Deaton (The Horton Group), Brenda Nickel (The Horton Group), Jen Madsen (Security Health Plan), Alex Yohnk (Security Health Plan)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wagner at 1:00 p.m.

There were no public comments.

Chair Wagner explained that the purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Third Party Administrator (TPA) of the County's health plan. Human Resources Director McGrath explained that Anthem and Aspirus are still not reaching an agreement. McGrath stated that decisions need to be made on how long we wait to see if an agreement is made or if we look at moving to a different TPA.

Tim Deaton, The Horton Group, explained that there is an Aspirus board meeting this evening and that there could be something that comes out of it, but it isn't certain. Mr. Deaton explained that he secured commitments from other vendors, including Auxiant/WPS, Security Health Plan, and Aspirus Arise, that they can have our group moved over with no lapse in care if they have a decision from us this week. Mr. Deaton further explained that Auxiant/WPS would be the best option for the County based on a variety of factors. He stated that, regardless if the County stays with Anthem or moves to another TPA, the estimated impact to the health fund will be around \$400,000. Discussion ensued.

Motion (Pliml/Rozar) to allow the Human Resources Director to have the latitude to be able to choose the better of the two options, whether it be staying with Anthem or moving to Auxiant/WPS.

Wagner declared the meeting adjourned at 1:13 p.m.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Kelli Francis. Minutes in draft form until approved at the next meeting.