



PLATTE COUNTY NEWS

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STATUS OF UNHEALTHY LEGISLATION

As previously discussed, House Bill 566 would, among other things, eliminate the ability of local health departments, county commissions, and school districts to require face coverings to prevent the spread of a contagious disease. This bill has not been assigned to a committee yet, which means it is not likely to make it through the legislature this session.

Several bills in the Missouri Senate have moved forward, however. The bills, which have been combined with SB12, place limitations on health departments and local governments that substantially restricts their authority to act during public health emergencies. This bill is currently on the Senate agenda for final approval. After Senate approval, it will go to the House for consideration. There is an emergency clause so it would take effect as soon as the governor signs it.

The summary of the bill may be found here: [SB12 - Modifies provisions relating to public health](#)

If SB12 is signed into law, it could severely increase the threat to public health presented by COVID-19 as well as the pathogen responsible for the next pandemic. The next pandemic may be even more deadly, and our health departments will not have the authority needed to protect us from it.

ENTITY	AUTHORIZED
Business	\$6,794,823.77
City of Lake Waukomis	\$3,045.00
City of Northmoor	\$2,082.89
City of Parkville	\$13,482.04
City of Platte Woods	\$663.86
City of Riverside	\$44,930.60
City of Weatherby Lake	\$6,488.76
Kansas City, MO	\$1,140,738.00
North Platte R-I SD	\$67,039.83
Park Hill School District	\$625,000.00
Platte County Health Dept	\$308,166.47
Platte County R-3 School District	\$407,000.00
Platte County Regional Sewer District	\$1,226.86
West Platte R-II SD	\$87,300.11
Platte County	\$731,805.30
Grand Total	\$10,233,793.49

The next table shows the amounts requested by governmental units, the amounts approved by the Commission and the difference between the amounts. It also shows how much has been paid to the governmental units as of February 20 and the balance owed.

ENTITY	REQUESTED	APPROVED	DIFFERENCE	PAID AS OF 2/20/21	BALANCE OWED
West Platte R-II SD	\$87,300.11	\$87,300.11	\$0.00	\$87,300.11	\$0.00
North Platte R-I SD	\$67,039.83	\$67,039.83	\$0.00	\$67,039.83	\$0.00
Platte County Regional Sewer District	\$1,226.86	\$1,226.86	\$0.00	\$1,226.86	\$0.00
Park Hill School District	\$1,400,651.63	\$625,000.00	(\$775,651.63)	\$625,000.00	\$0.00
Platte County R-3 School District	\$1,119,045.52	\$407,000.00	(\$712,045.52)	\$407,000.00	\$0.00
City of Platte Woods	\$663.86	\$663.86	\$0.00	\$626.04	\$37.82
City of Parkville	\$27,963.45	\$13,482.04	(\$14,481.41)	\$13,482.04	\$0.00
City of Weatherby Lake	\$31,004.53	\$6,488.76	(\$24,515.77)	\$6,488.76	\$0.00
City of Riverside	\$499,930.60	\$44,930.60	(\$455,000.00)	\$44,930.60	\$0.00
City of Lake Waukomis	\$5,795.00	\$3,045.00	(\$2,750.00)	\$1,415.90	\$1,629.10
City of Northmoor	\$29,097.53	\$2,082.89	(\$27,014.64)	\$0.00	\$2,082.89
Kansas City, MO	\$1,672,031.00	\$1,140,738.00	(\$531,293.00)	\$0.00	\$1,140,738.00
Platte County Health Dept	\$741,743.00	\$308,166.47	(\$433,576.53)	\$0.00	\$308,166.47

Our governmental units in Platte County, especially the Health Department and school districts, have not been appropriately funded by the Platte County Commission in the manner intended by Congress when the CARES Act was adopted.

I AM A CANDIDATE FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT TRUSTEE

Recognizing that there would be attempts to strip authority from the Platte County Health Department, I decided to run for an open Trustee position on the Board of Trustees of the department. The position was recently created when a trustee resigned. Under state law, the Platte County Commissioners can appoint a trustee to serve until the next election. The Commissioners appointed someone who also filed to run for the position.

This individual was appointed by the same Commissioners who tried to strip authority away from the Health Department and give it to themselves. They are the same Commissioners who withheld CARES grant funding from the Health Department, school districts, and cities but gave millions to business friends. Frankly, I do not trust them.

If I am elected to the position, I will work to ensure Health Department decisions and operations are based on established medical and scientific principles along with substantial public input. This is a nonpartisan position because politics has no role in the Health Department. Delivery of services needs to be fair and equitable. Restaurant owners, for example, should be treated the same during inspections regardless of their political party affiliation or “who they know”.

Visit www.park4platte.com for more information about my platform and qualifications.

I ask for your support and your vote on April 6.

Thank you.

David Park