

**GREENE COUNTY
BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
February 6, 2025**

The Greene County Board of Health met in regular session on Thursday, February 6, 2025, in Conference Room 124 of the health district office. The meeting convened at approximately 6:30 p.m. In attendance: Jane Clifton, President; Sylvia Ellison, Vice President; Scott Hammond, Connie Helmuth, William Harden, Marty Larson, Angelia Mickle, DNP; Timothy Roop, Andrew Root, Nancy Terwoord, David Thompson. Excused: Ratna Palakodeti, M.D. Employees in attendance: Melissa Howell, Health Commissioner; Noah Stuby, Deputy Health Commissioner; Kevin Sharrett, M.D., Medical Director; Shadrick Adams; Jennifer Barga, Olivia Detty, and Sheryl Wynn. Guests in attendance: Jessica Dean, Carey Nelson, and Robert Nelson.

Ms. Clifton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and introduced our guests, Ms. Dean and Mr. and Mrs. Nelson. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson were in attendance for their variance request for 530 E. Hyde. Ms. Clifton stated that after the consent agenda and minutes of the previous meeting were adopted, the variance request would be introduced first to be mindful of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson's time.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA/MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

#25-02-06-02. Ms. Clifton introduced the amended consent agenda, including the January 9, 2025, meeting minutes.

Mr. Roop moved to approve the amended consent agenda and January 6, 2025, meeting minutes. Mr. Hammond seconded the motion.

The motion was carried by acclamation.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Adams introduced a variance request submitted by Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Carey Nelson from the location, operation, and maintenance of the sewage treatment system located at 530 Hyde Road, Yellow Springs, OH 45387, Parcel ID F16-0001-0010-0-0059-00.

Mr. Adams explained that the house is nearing completion, and the family wants to move in. The current weather is preventing the installation of the sewage system, and a holding tank would allow the family occupancy until the system could be installed. If approved, the tank will be an ODH-approved tank. The Environmental Health division recommends approval of the variance request with the understanding that the tank will be equipped with a high-water alarm, be part of a maintenance contract for regular pumping, and be valid no more than 6 months past the Board of Health approval date.

#25-02-06-03 Ms. Helmuth moved approval of the variance request. Mr. Larson seconded the motion.

The motion was carried by acclamation.

PRESENTATION

Deputy Health Commissioner Stuby gave tonight's Public Health Budgeting and Reporting presentation. The presentation gave an overview of why a budget is made, the budgeting steps, and how the budget is monitored. He also discussed the different types of revenue and costs and presented historical revenue and expenditures comparing 2014 to 2024.

The presentation lasted 27 minutes.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Deputy Health Commissioner Stuby reviewed the January income and expenditure report, the January voucher summary and appropriation transfers, and the fund transfers/temporary advances. There were no questions about the financial reports presented.

#25-02-06-01 Mr. Harden moved approval of the income and expenditure report, voucher summary, appropriation transfers, and fund transfers/temporary advances. Ms. Ellison seconded the motion.

The motion was carried by acclamation.

The Deputy Health Commissioner introduced a discussion surrounding the purchase of a mobile unit for the Planning, Promotion, and Preparedness Health Education program. The unit costs \$215,000 and exceeds what Health Commissioner Howell and Deputy Health Commissioner Stuby can purchase without board approval.

Ms. Wynn shared that the OneOhio Recovery grant made the unit purchase possible. An application was submitted in May 2024 and was awarded to GCPH in December 2024. This mobile unit will allow our team to be mobile and give them the ability to test for HIV, syphilis, and HEP-C on the unit. Other departments may also utilize the mobile unit when traveling to different events around the county. Mr. Thompson identified ongoing costs of insurance, fuel and upkeep assuring funds would be available in the future. Mr. Stuby assured funds would be budgeted accordingly.

#25-02-06-04 Ms. Clifton moved to approve the purchase of the mobile unit.

Ms. Ellison moved to approve the purchase. Ms. Helmuth seconded the motion.

The motion was carried by acclamation.

GOVERNANCE REPORTS

Governance Committee – No report.

Performance and Evaluation Committee – No report.
Planning and Finance Committee - No report.

NEW BUSINESS (CONT.)

The city of Xenia requests the release of the delinquent and current taxes owed to GCPH on sixteen residential properties.

- 93 Prugh Avenue (M40000100130005100) Case No. 2023 CV 0477.
- E. Second Street (M40000200120027300 & M40000200120027400) Case No. 2023 CV 0477.
- Mitchell Avenue (M40000200120045400 & M40000200120045500) Case No. 2023 CV 0751.
- Mitchell Avenue (M40000200120045300) Case No. 2023 CV 0766.
- 225 E Third Street (M40000200120039200) Case No. 2023 CV 0767.
- E. Market St (M40000200080033400) Case No. 2023 CV 0829.
- 460 Mitchell Avenue (M40000200120051300, M40000200120044900, M40000200120045000, M40000200120045100, and M40000200120045200) Case No. 2024 CV 0071.
- 317 & 317 ½ E. Church Street (M40000200050018700) Case No. 2024 CV 0111.
- 147 S. Monroe Street (M40000200120024600) Case No. 2024 CV 0113.
- 475 E. Third Street (M40000200120043800) Case No. 2024 CV 0147.

Ms. Clifton added that the City of Xenia is trying to rehab these properties to maintain and sell them as part of the city's new home preservation program.

#25-02-06-05 Mr. Roop moved for approval to release the delinquent and current taxes owed to GCPH. Mr. Harden seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Health Commissioner Howell introduced the Board of Health Virtual Meeting Attendance policy to the board. The legislature approved virtual meetings for boards of health. In the state of Ohio, virtual meetings can start on April 9, 2025. The board can review the policy and bring any questions to the next meeting. The first virtual option will be available in May if the policy is approved.

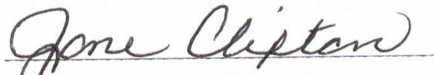
ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

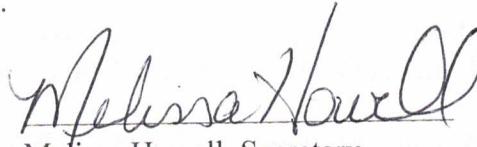
Dr. Sharrett shared that the flu season peaked at the end of December 2024 and is peaking again. Flu cases were up 30% last week and broke the 20 million mark of active cases of flu. There have been 11, 000 deaths from the flu. This is the first flu season with at-home flu testing available. He noted that he is seeing a lot of people calling in with flu symptoms, but their at-home test reads negative for the flu.

A new development in bird flu has found that it is isolated in commercial flocks, which the USDA is currently monitoring. Bird flu can be passed from bird to bird, bird to animal, and animal to human. At this time, it is not being spread from human to human.

Health Commissioner Howell updated the board about a replacement for Mr. Beeman. Two resumes were sent to the City of Bellbrook for review. The City of Bellbrook will meet on February 24, 2025, to make a selection.

There being no further business, the Greene County Board of Health meeting for February 6, 2025, adjourned at approximately 7:31 p.m.


Jane Clifton, President


Melissa Howell, Secretary