

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

The Greene County Board of Health met in regular session on Thursday, March 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, William Harden, Marty Larson, Timothy Roop, Andrew Root, Nancy Terwoord, David Thompson. Excused: Connie Helmuth, Angelia Mickle, DNP; and Ratna Palakodeti, M.D. Employees in attendance: Melissa Howell, Health Commissioner; Kevin Sharrett, M.D., Medical Director; Shadrick Adams; Jennifer Barga; Olivia Detty; Evan Dillahunt; Jackie Gruza; Stephanie Sanders; and Sheryl Wynn. Guests in attendance: Jessica Dean, Brenda Hartley, Marvin Moeller, Rob Schommer, and Kelli Wells.

Ms. Clifton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and introduced our guests.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA/MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

#25-03-06-02. Ms. Clifton introduced the amended consent agenda, including the February 6, 2025, meeting minutes.

Mr. Larson moved to approve the amended consent agenda and the February 6, 2025, meeting minutes. Mr. Roop seconded the motion. The motion was carried by acclamation.

PRESENTATION

Jackie Gruza, Registered Environmental Health Specialist at Greene County Public Health, presented tonight's presentation, Housing and Nuisance. Ms. Gruza discussed housing and hoarding, and when they become a public health issue. She explained GCPH housing regulations, the housing and hoarding complaint process, and what happens after a complaint is investigated.

The presentation lasted 20 minutes.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Accounting Program Manager, Evan Dillahunt, reviewed the February income and expenditure report, the February voucher summary and appropriation transfers, and the fund transfers/temporary advances. Mr. Dillahunt satisfactorily answered all questions.

#25-03-06-01 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.

GOVERNANCE REPORTS

Governance Committee – No report.

Performance and Evaluation Committee—There is no report; however, Mr. Harden would like the Performance and Evaluation Committee to meet next month to discuss the evaluation and contract of Health Commissioner Howell.

Planning and Finance Committee – Mr. Root shared that the Planning and Finance Committee met before the Board of Health meeting and reviewed the proposed 2026 budget, jurisdiction report, and a three-part formula. Mr. Dillahunt answered the committee's questions, and the committee recommends approval of the 2026 budget, jurisdiction report, and the proposed three-part formula.

#25-03-06-03 Mr. Root moved for approval of the 2026 Proposed Budget, 2024 Jurisdiction Report, and Three-Part Formula on behalf of the Planning and Finance committee. The motion was carried by acclamation.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Adams introduced the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) Resolution. Ms. Clifton read the resolution:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NOAH STUBY, DEPUTY HEALTH COMMISSIONER, TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF GREENE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH FOR THE REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT OF HOME SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS:

WHEREAS: Greene County Public Health seeks to repair and/or replace failing home sewage treatment systems; and

WHEREAS: Greene County Public Health intends to apply to the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) for the repair and/or replacement of failing home sewage treatment systems; and

WHEREAS: The Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund requires the government authority to pass legislation for application of a loan and the execution of a WPCLF assistance agreement; now therefore,

SO, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH:

Section 1. That Noah Stuby be and is hereby authorized to apply for a WPCLF assistance agreement, sign all documents for and enter into a Water Pollution Control Loan Fund with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for the repair and/or replacement of failing home sewage treatment systems on behalf of Greene County Public Health.

Section 2. That is resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

#25-03-06-04 Mr. Roop moved approval of the WPCLF Resolution. Mr. Harden seconded the motion. The motion was carried by acclamation

The city of Xenia requests the release of the delinquent and current taxes owed to GCPH on 3 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.

#25-03-06-05 Ms. Ellison moved approval to release the delinquent and current taxes owed. Ms. Terwoord seconded the motion. The motion was carried by acclamation

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Health Commissioner Howell discussed the Board of Health Virtual Meeting Attendance Policy introduced in last month's meeting. If approved by the board, this would provide board members, GCPH employees, and members of the public with the option to participate in board meetings virtually, with the first virtual meeting opportunity scheduled for May.

#25-03-06-06 Mr. Root moved approval of the Board of Health Virtual Meeting Attendance Policy. Mr. Harden seconded the motion. The motion was carried by acclamation.

Health Commissioner Howell shared that the Greene County Board of Commissioners presented the Disconnect to Connect (D2C) coalition with a resolution (No. 25-2-27-7) declaring that from sundown on March 7, 2025, to sundown on March 8, 2025, it would be observed as "Global Day of Unplugging - Be Screen Free."

Health Commissioner Howell reminded the board that the District Advisory Council will meet on Tuesday, March 8, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in conference room 124 at the health district. She also invited the board to the upcoming Employee Appreciation Breakfast on Thursday, April 10, 2025, at 8:30 a.m.

Dr. Sharrett gave an update on three viruses: measles, influenza, and the bird flu. The number of reported measles cases is increasing. It was reported that a second child has died due to measles. The Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) vaccine is highly effective and safe.

Influenza cases have declined over the past two weeks. To provide some perspective, approximately 30 million people have been affected by influenza, resulting in 15,000 deaths.

The bird flu has not yet mutated to allow for human-to-human transmission. Dairy workers who contracted the bird flu, where milk splashed onto them, have developed conjunctivitis. The bird flu spreads among birds. There will be heightened concern if an outbreak occurs in swine, as they are genetically similar to humans. Reports indicate that 90 cats from dairy farms have died due to the bird flu; however, there is no evidence of human transmission from cats. Humans have only contracted the bird flu from cows and birds. Out of 70 affected people, one person has died.

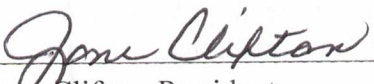
Mr. Hammond asked Dr. Sharrett if individuals should re-boost themselves to protect against measles. If you were born before 1957 and have previously contracted measles, you are likely immune. If you were born after 1957 and have received the two measles vaccines in the past, unless you are at high risk or immunocompromised, it is recommended that you get the MMR vaccine.

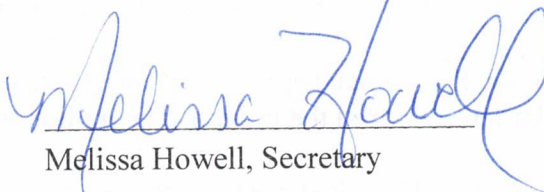
Ms. Ellison asked what someone should do if they are unclear about their medical records. If this is the case, there is bloodwork that can be done.

Ms. Terwoord discussed her, and Ms. Wynn's time spent in Washington, D.C., for the NALBOH Midwinter Leadership Conference from February 23 to February 26, 2025.

Ms. Ellison shared that she and Ms. Terwoord recorded an episode of Greene County Public Health's podcast, Public Health Matters, with Laurie Fox, Public Information Officer, this week.

There being no further business, the Greene County Board of Health meeting for March 6, 2025, adjourned at approximately 7:40 p.m.


Jane Clifton, President,


Melissa Howell, Secretary