

**GREENE COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES**  
**June 5, 2025**

The Greene County Board of Health met in regular session on Thursday, June 5, 2025, in Conference Room 124 of the health district office. The meeting convened at approximately 6:30 p.m. In attendance: Jane Clifton, President; Todd Dudley, William Harden, Marty Larson, Angelia Mickle, DNP; Timothy Roop, Nancy Terwoord, and David Thompson. Excused: Sylvia Ellison, Connie Helmuth, Ratna Palakodeti, M.D., and Andrew Root. Employees in attendance: Melissa Howell, Health Commissioner; Noah Stuby, Deputy Health Commissioner; Kevin Sharrett, M.D., Medical Director; Shadrick Adams, Jennifer Barga, Bob Brooks, Olivia Detty, Jacob Hyer, and Sheryl Wynn.

Ms. Clifton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and introduced our guests, Clarie Deffet and Elizabeth Earehart, nursing students from the University of Cincinnati.

Ms. Detty announced that Health Commissioner Howell, Mr. Adams, Ms. Barga, and Ms. Wynn have joined the meeting and will be participating virtually.

**ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA/MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Ms. Clifton introduced the consent agenda, amended agenda, and the meeting minutes for May 1, 2025.

**#25-06-05-02 Ms. Terwoord moved to approve the consent agenda and the May 1, 2025, meeting minutes. Mr. Larson seconded the motion. The motion was carried by acclamation.**

**PRESENTATION**

Deputy Health Commissioner Stuby gave tonight's presentation, "2025 Levies."

He discussed levies and property tax, focusing on the ballot issue in November and the new laws that could affect funding. The presentation explained how levies work, particularly the distinction between inside and outside millage, with the latter requiring voter approval. A new law, House Bill 309, limits the amount of money that can be carried over to the next year to 30% of our estimated expenses for each fund. This change could make it difficult to plan for emergencies and fund important projects.

These proposed changes could impact how we provide services in Greene County since we rely heavily on levy funding. If this law passes, it could disrupt our financial plans that have allowed us to save money and pay off debts early. We emphasized the importance of understanding these issues because the outcome of the ballot and these new laws could greatly affect our community and its services.

The presentation lasted 16 minutes.

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Deputy Health Commissioner Stuby reviewed the May income and expenditure report, the May voucher summary, and the appropriation transfers and fund transfers/temporary advances.

Deputy Health Commissioner Stuby satisfactorily answered all questions.

**#25-06-05-01 Mr. Harden moved approval of the income and expenditure report, voucher summary, appropriation transfers, and fund transfers/temporary advances. Mrs. Terwoord 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**

Ms. Clifton introduced a private water variance request submitted by Mr. Sean Human and Mr. Luke Human for 1399 Stone Ridge Court, Dayton, OH 45432.

Mr. Adams discussed issues regarding a well improperly sealed by Boone Water Systems, which prevented the approval of the overall water system. After the initial well was sealed without water, a new well was drilled that found water at a shallower depth. However, the improper sealing led to a bond claim from the Ohio Department of Health, which would fund the necessary repairs.

The proposed solution, approved by the Ohio Department of Health, involves a modest excavation with a welded top on the well casing to prevent contamination of the aquifer. The original contractor was uncooperative, having used a sealing slurry that did not meet the required density specifications and refusing to make corrections. No other private water contractor in Ohio or Indiana will work on this well, as it poses a threat to their equipment. If the variance for these repairs is not approved, the home will remain without a usable water system, emphasizing the importance of compliance with well construction regulations to ensure safe drinking water.

Ms. Clifton requested a motion to approve the variance request for 1399 Stone Ridge Court. Mr. Thompson opposed the approval of the variance request.

Ms. Clifton, Mr. Dudley, Mr. Harden, Mr. Larson, Ms. Mickle, Mr. Roop, and Ms. Terwoord were in favor of approving the variance. Mr. Thompson opposed it.

**#25-06-05-03 Mr. Roop moved approval of the variance request. Mr. Harden seconded the motion. The motion was carried by acclamation.**

Deputy Health Commissioner Stuby introduced a new Data Analyst position within the Planning, Promotion, Preparedness Department. This role will support programs by facilitating data



collection and analysis for grants as the department prepares for a Community Health Assessment (CHA) and strategic planning cycle in 2026. The data analyst position will replace one of the two current accreditation coordinators, allowing for more focused data support while maintaining accreditation responsibilities.

No action is required at this time, and a vote will be held at the next board meeting to approve the position.

### **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

Ms. Clifton announced that the GCPH Employee Summer Getaway will take place on Thursday, July 10, 2025, at Ceasar Ford Park, and all board members are invited to attend.

Ms. Clifton reminded the board that, due to the Fourth of July holiday, the July board meeting will be held on Thursday, July 10, 2025.


Deputy Health Commissioner Stuby added that board members will need to attend in person because a vote on a tax issue will be held.

Dr. Sharrett shared that Dr. Vanderhoff, the director of the Ohio Department of Health, recently announced that the measles outbreak in Ohio is officially over. Since April, there have been no new cases. In total, Ohio reported 34 cases of measles during this outbreak. However, the situation remains serious across the country, with approximately 25 other states experiencing ongoing measles outbreaks. In 2019, the United States experienced the highest number of measles cases in recent years, with approximately 1,200 cases reported. As of early June, this year has already seen 1,100 cases, suggesting that 2023 could surpass that record. Although Ohio's outbreak has subsided, other health concerns are emerging.

Dr. Sharret added that Dr. Vanderhoff also stated that there has been an increase in whooping cough cases. The most recent high for whooping cough was in 2010, with about 1,200 cases. So far this year, nearly 600 cases have been reported. As we celebrate the end of the measles outbreak, it is essential to remain vigilant about the growing threat of whooping cough.

Health Commissioner Howell discussed the significant impact of a recent data breach at Kettering Health, particularly regarding delays in receiving disease reports for infectious diseases such as measles, TB, and sexually transmitted infections. Traditionally, these reports were received through mail, often months late, which hinders the ability to manage outbreaks effectively. Currently, reports are not being transmitted, which raises concerns about data protection and the vulnerability of patient information. In response, the health department is developing its cybersecurity plan and procedures to address potential breaches, while also addressing the challenges posed by Artificial Intelligence (AI) in healthcare.

There being no further business, the Greene County Board of Health meeting for June 5, 2025, adjourned at approximately 7:16 p.m.

  
Jane Clifton, President

  
Melissa Howell, Secretary