

**GREENE COUNTY
BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
June 4, 2026
(26-06-04)**

The Greene County Board of Health met in regular session on Thursday, June 4, 2026, in Conference Room 124 of the health district office. The meeting convened at approximately 6:30 p.m.

In attendance: Sylvia Ellison, President; Timothy Roop, Vice President; Rebecca Cantrell, Jane Clifton; Todd Dudley, Scott Hammond; Ashley Hartmann, Connie Helmuth, Angelia Mickle, DNP, Ratna Palakodeti, M.D; Nancy Terwoord, and Will Urschel; Excused: William Harden.

Employees in attendance: Melissa Howell, Health Commissioner, Noah Stuby, Deputy Health Commissioner; Kevin Sharrett, M.D., Medical Director; Shadrick Adams; Jennifer Barga; Sheryl Wynn; and Olivia Detty.

Guests in attendance: Linda Deppen (Master of Public Health student at the University of Cincinnati) and Josh Deppen.

With a quorum present, Ms. Ellison called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. She invited our guests to introduce themselves and encouraged our new board members to share a few words about themselves.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA/MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Ms. Ellison introduced the amended consent agenda and the May 7, 2026, meeting minutes.

#26-06-04-02 Mr. Roop moved to approve the consent agenda and the May 7, 2026, meeting minutes. Ms. Helmuth seconded the motion. The motion was carried by acclamation.

PRESENTATION

Tonight's presentation, titled "Understanding the Role of Local Board of Health Members in Emergency Preparedness and Response," was provided by Kent State University in collaboration with the Ohio Association of Boards of Health and the Association of Ohio Health Commissioners.

This training module provides an overview of the critical responsibilities of local board of health members in supporting public health emergency preparedness and response efforts. It begins by defining public health emergencies and the legal and policy frameworks that guide response efforts at the local, state, and federal levels.

The presentation lasted 12 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 answered all questions satisfactorily.

#26-06-04-01 Dr. Palakodeti moved for approval of the May income and expenditure report, the May voucher summary, and the appropriation transfers and fund transfers/temporary advances. 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 – Mr. Hammond reported that the committee met beforehand at 6:00 PM to review an estimated retirement payout for Mr. Jere Marks, Environmental Health Program Manager, and to review a bid submitted by Bilbrey Construction, Inc. for the first-floor clinic renovations of the building. The committee recommends approval of the payout for Mr. Marks and the bid from Bilbrey Construction, Inc.

#26-06-04-03 Mr. Hammond moved, on behalf of the Planning and Finance Committee, to approve Mr. Jere Marks' estimated \$17,732.92 retirement payout. The motion was carried by acclamation.

#26-06-04-04 Mr. Hammond moved, on behalf of the Planning and Finance Committee, to accept the bid for the first-floor clinic renovations from Bilbrey Construction Inc. The motion was carried by acclamation.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Adams presented a variance request from Mr. Brandon Graveline and Mrs. Samantha Graveline for 3415 Wayneville, Bellbrook, OH 45305. The homeowners are requesting a variance to allow their existing well to be located approximately 7 feet from their new addition. Mr. Adams noted that Environmental Health supports this request.

#26-06-04-05 Mr. Hammond moved for the approval of the variance request for 3415 Wayneville, Bellbrook, OH 45305. Mr. Roop seconded the motion. The motion was carried by acclamation.

NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

Ms. Ellison read into the record, as written, the Resolution of Appreciation for Mr. Jere Marks.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION – JERE MARKS

The Greene County Board of Health wishes to recognize and commend

JERE MARKS

for his outstanding, dedicated service to Greene County Public Health.

WHEREAS: Jere Marks will retire effective **July 6, 2026**; and,

WHEREAS: Said retirement will conclude a career of over **17 years** dedicated to public service and over **4 years** of service dedicated to Greene County Public Health and the residents of Greene County; and,

WHEREAS: His concern and empathy for the Greene County community in the performance of those duties is greatly appreciated.

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

Section 1. The Greene County Board of Health wishes to express its appreciation of Jere Marks' service on behalf of Greene County Public Health and the residents of Greene County.

Section 2. That a copy of this resolution be presented to Jere Marks as a small token of the Greene County Board of Health's appreciation for his years of dedicated service.

Connie Helmuth moved for the approval of the resolution. Dr. Ratna Palakodeti seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.

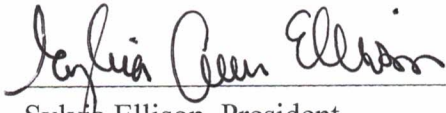
ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

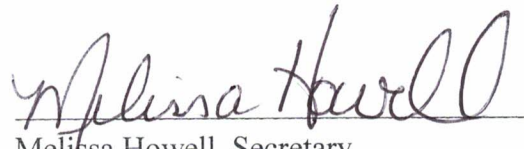
Dr. Sharrett gave a brief update on the Hantavirus and Ebola. Hantavirus is a virus that primarily infects rodents and their subspecies and is not very transmissible from human to human; however, public health officials are currently monitoring to prevent an outbreak.

The Ebola virus is highly contagious and, at the moment, is prevalent in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Previously, U.S. citizens infected with Ebola were not allowed to return home for treatment and were sent to Kenya or Europe instead. Due to significant pushback, it has now been announced that infected U.S. citizens can be transferred to Emory University in Atlanta, which specializes in these cases.

He also shared news of a new cancer medicine that the University of Cincinnati helped develop, which has doubled the survival rate among patients with pancreatic cancer.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:19 PM.


Sylvia Ellison, President


Melissa Howell, Secretary