



LAWRENCE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Lawrence County Board of Health 11-20-2024 Minutes

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:24 PM.

Roll Call

Randy Lambert (President)	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present
Mark Dickess (Vice-President)	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present
Brenda Shipley	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present
Melanie Taylor	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present
Kevin Willis	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present

Also present was:

Tony Virgin (Health Commissioner)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent <input type="checkbox"/> Present
Debbie Fisher (Administrator)	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present
Angela Bostick-Doyle (Director of Nursing)	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present
Paul O'Banion (Environmental Health Director)	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present
Zach Schweinsberg (Fiscal Officer).	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present

Also present was:

Jessica Stapleton, Environmental Clerk
Mitchell Jenkins, Nuisance Control Officer

Approve Minutes

The Board of Health reviewed a draft of the minutes for the 10-16-2024 Board of Health meeting. It was noted that the language describing call out pay needed revised to state that the call out pay was a stipend equal to 2x an employee's hourly base rate of pay. Randy Lambert asked for a motion to approve the minutes with this amendment. Brenda Shipley made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting with the one correction. Mark Dickess seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Randy Lambert noted that no members of the public were present.



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Financial

The Board of Health was presented with the initial expense budgets for 2025. After review, Randy asked for a motion to approve the 2025 initial budget. Mark Dickess made the motion. Brenda Shipley seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Randy Lambert asked for a motion to approve expenditures, pay bills & salaries, and accept the financial reports. Melanie Taylor made the motion. Mark Dickess seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Environmental

Paul discussed a septic complaint that was received in relation to Elkins Creek Horse Camp. Paul noted that the plan review process has taken longer than anticipated. Paul noted that the facility is currently operating without a license but could become licensed.

Mitchell Jenkins provided updates on public health nuisance complaints. He visited a property located at Township Road 130 N (also known as 361 Township Road) in Chesapeake (referred to as the Reynolds Property). The Board of Health was provided with updated images. It did not appear that much progress had been made in the past month. The property was originally declared a public health nuisance on 06-20-2024. A 30-day extension to abate the public health nuisance was granted on 08-21-2024. Randy Lambert asked for a motion to direct the filing of a complaint with the Lawrence County Prosecutor's Office. The motion was made by Brenda Shipley and seconded by Melanie Taylor. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Mitchell Jenkins also presented pictures of another property located at 94 Township Road 1506, Proctorville (the Rice property). He did not request that the Board take any action at this time. He stated that Officer Summers was likely to take enforcement action.

Debbie Fisher provided an update concerning two septic complaints, one about Land of Goshen and one about Keith Bryant (they live on the same road near each other). Both systems need to have a dye test conducted.

Land of Goshen operates an NPDES system that is examined on a weekly basis by John Haskins. The most recent test results reported by Pace Analytical indicate that the discharge of this system falls within the parameters set by Ohio EPA. When the Health Department contacted Keith Bryant to schedule a time to test his home sewage treatment system (HSTS), he directed the Health Department to speak with his attorney, JT Holt. The Health



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Department reached out to Mr.Holt but did not receive a response. The Lawrence County Prosecutor sent a letter to Mr.Holt that emphasized the need to test Mr.Bryant's septic system. The Health Department is waiting for a response. In the meantime, Mr.Bryant has been placing rocks and manure near Land of Goshen and uploading videos about it to Facebook (the videos themselves were not reviewed during the Board meeting). Land of Goshen has called the Health Department to express their discontent about the situation. Debbie consulted with a representative from the Soil & Water Division of the Ohio Department of Agriculture, the Lawrence County Prosecutor, and the Ohio EPA. These parties feel that it's a property dispute and should be handled in civil court.

Jessica Stapleton shared proposed changes to the operation & maintenance packets that are going to be a part of the septic program. The proposed changes were based on a recent septic program survey that was conducted by the Ohio Department of Health. Randy asked for a motion to approve the proposed changes. Mark Dickess made the motion. Melanie Taylor seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Personnel

The Board of Health reviewed proposed changes to the mileage reimbursement policy. Zashin & Rich (a law firm) was consulted with to help draft an updated policy. Mark Dickess made a motion to approve the changes. Brenda Shipley seconded the changes. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Other Reports

The Board of Health reviewed the reports listed in section 6 of the agenda. Randy Lambert asked for a motion to receive and file the reports as presented. Melanie Taylor seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Debbie shared a certification of appreciation that was presented to Lawrence County Health Department by Ohio University. The certificate was given to recognize the Lawrence County Health Department as being a valuable community partner.



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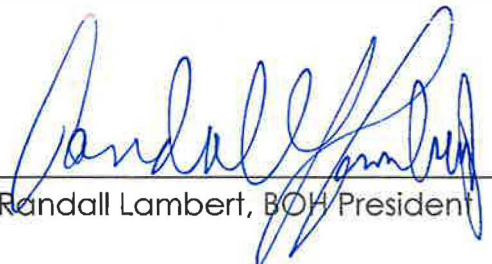
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Adjournment

Having covered everything on the agenda, the Board President adjourned the meeting at 1:05 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for 12-18-2024 at noon in the Conference Room of Lawrence County Health Department

Minutes Approved by:



Randall Lambert, BOH President



Date