

Geauga County General Health District
Board of Health Special Meeting Minutes
July 30, 2018, 10:00 a.m.
Geauga County Health District office
470 Center St., Bldg. 8, Chardon, OH 44024

I. Call to Order

Mr. David Gragg, President, called the special meeting of the Geauga County Board of Health to order at 5:00 p.m.

Board members present: Mr. David Gragg, President, Dr. Jonathan Wynbrandt, Pro-Tem, Mrs. Catherine Whitright and Mr. Richard Piraino. Mrs. Christina Livers was not present.

Others present: Linda Applebaum, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney; Adam Litke, Gerry Morgan, Assistant County Administrator, John Karlovec, Maple Leaf.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Gragg asked everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Levy Discussion

Mr. Piraino stated that if the health district does not need the levy funding, we do not have to collect it.

Discussion continued regarding why the levy needs to be on the ballot for November 2018. Putting the levy on the spring ballot could be very costly. This also gives more time to try again if the levy fails. If it all attempts at passing the levy fail, the health district will have to go to the townships, city and villages for inside assessments.

The Board decided to move forward to put the renewal of the levy on the November 2018 ballot.

Dr. Wynbrandt moved 7.30.18-a to adopt resolution 2018-16 requesting the Geauga County Board of Commissioners to authorize a tax in excess of ten mills. Mrs. Whitright seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Gragg, yes; Dr. Wynbrandt, yes; Mrs. Whitright, yes; and Mr. Piraino, yes.

IV. Old Business

Mr. Piraino expressed his desire to have two meetings per month for at least the next 120 days. Mr. Gragg said that the Board will continue to meet one time per month and it would be considered after October.

The Board discussed forming a hiring committee that would be responsible for interviewing health commissioner candidates. The committee would include Mr. Gragg, Mrs. Whitright, Linda Applebaum, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Mr. Sage, and possibly a health commissioner from a surrounding county. One resume has been received to date.

V. Executive Session

Mr. Piraino moved to adjourn to Executive Session at 5:32 p.m. to discuss contracts. Dr. Wynbrandt seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Gragg, yes; Dr. Wynbrandt, yes; Mrs. Whitright, yes; and Mr. Piraino, yes. The meeting reconvened at 6:35 p.m.

VI. New Business

Dr. Wynbrandt moved 7.30.18-b to approve the contract with the Lake County General Health District to provide Finance, HR and other related service from September 2018 to December 2020, not to exceed \$3,500.00 per month. Mrs. Whitright seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Gragg, yes; Dr. Wynbrandt, yes; Mrs. Whitright, yes; and Mr. Piraino, yes.

Mr. Piraino moved to increase the salary of David Sage, Interim Health Commissioner by \$20,000.00 retroactive to July 16, 2018. The Salary adjustment will be in effect until the new health commissioner has assumed the role. Dr. Wynbrandt seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Gragg, yes; Dr. Wynbrandt, yes; Mrs. Whitright, yes; and Mr. Piraino, yes.

VII. Other Business

There was no other business.

VIII. Meetings

Regular Board of Health meeting, Monday, August 20, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in the meeting room of 470 Center St., Bldg. 8, Chardon, Ohio.

IX. Adjourn

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Dr. Wynbrandt moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m. Mr. Piraino seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Gragg, yes; Dr. Wynbrandt, yes; Mrs. Whitright, yes; and Mr. Piraino, yes.

Respectfully submitted,

David Sage, BSCE, RS, REHS
Interim Health Commissioner

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