

Geauga Public Health
Board of Health Meeting
March 19, 2020, 11:00am
470 Center Street Bldg. 8, Chardon OH 44024

1. Call to Order

Mr. David Gragg, President, called the special meeting of the Geauga County Board of Health to order at 11:02am.

A roll call found the following Board members present: Mr. David Gragg, President, Mr. Richard Piraino, Pro-Tem, Mrs. Catherine Whitright, Dr. Patricia Levan, and Ms. Lynn Roman.

Staff members present: Thomas Quade, Health Commissioner, Dr. Christine Wyers, Director of Population Health, and David Sage, Director of Environmental Health.

Others present: Jim Dvorak

2. Pledge of Allegiance

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

3. Covid-19 Update

Mr. Quade and Dr. Wyers gave an update on the current Covid-19 numbers in Geauga County and our response to the pandemic. Discussion was held about Covid-19 testing, staffing response, and repurposing of staff to respond to the pandemic. Some Environmental Health programs would need to be suspended to have EH sanitarians assist the Population Health staff with contact phone calls. The orders issued by Governor DeWine and Dr. Acton, the Director of Health, were discussed and how they affect our duties and jobs.

4. New Business

Mr. Gragg moved to adopt resolution 2020-4 authorizing the Health Commissioner or his/her delegate to suspend or revoke a food service operation or retail food establishment license under Discussion about the resolution was had and it was explained that it was to update an existing BOH resolution from 2010. Mr. Sage stated we would have to do it anyway, but the current events made the sanitarians review this a little sooner. **Ms. Roman seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

5. **Mr. Gragg moved to adopt resolution 2020-5 authorizing the Health Commissioner to suspend some health department services to repurpose staff. Mrs. Whitright seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

6. **Mr. Gragg moved to adopt resolution 2020-6 reauthorizing the authority to the Health Commissioner to make and execute certain decisions about personnel. Ms. Roman seconded the motion. Motion passed.**
7. **Mr. Gragg moved to adopt resolution 2020-7 closing the Geauga County Concealed Carry Weapon Offices until further notice at the request of the Geauga County Sheriff.** Discussion ensued in regards to this issue. This was to support the Geauga County Sheriff and his office to maintain the required separation distances of people and his staff. **Mrs. Whitright seconded the motion. Motion passed.**
8. **Mr. Gragg moved to adopt resolution 2020-8 delegating authority to the Health Commissioner to issue and execute orders of isolation and quarantine as defined within the Ohio Revised Code. Dr. Levan seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

9. Meetings

Regular Board of Health Meeting, Monday, March 23, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at 470 Center St., Bldg. 8, Chardon Ohio.

10. Adjourn

As there was no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Quade
Secretary, Geauga County Board of Health