

AGENDA  
GEOUGA PUBLIC HEALTH  
SPECIAL MEETING  
October 4, 2023

1.0 Call to Order

2.0 Opening of Meeting

2.01 Pledge of Allegiance

2.02 Declaration of Quorum

2.03 Certification of Delivery of Official Notices of Meeting

7.0 New Business

7.01 Geauga Public Health's Physical Location

7.02 Future Plans for Geauga Public Health

7.03 Additional Business Deemed Necessary

8.0 Citizens' Remarks

- Session to last 20 minutes unless Board moves to extend.
- 2 minutes per speaker to make comments and ask questions.
- The Board will answer questions after having an opportunity to investigate responses following the meeting. This is not a press conference where answers should be expected on the spot.
- Board responses will be recorded and publicly filed with meeting minutes.

10.0 Adjournment

## **1.0 Call to Order**

The special meeting of the Geauga County Board of Health was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 4, 2023, by President Carolyn Brakey. The meeting was held at the Geauga County Office Building located at 12611 Ravenwood Drive, Chardon, Ohio.

## **2.0 Opening of Meeting**

### **2.02 Declaration of Quorum**

The following members were present constituting a quorum:

Carolyn Brakey, Esq.	Lynn Roman
Dr. Mark Hendrickson	Dr. Mark Rood

Absent: Ashley Jones, Pharm D

Minutes were recorded by Gina Parker.

Also present from the Health District staff:

Ron H. Graham	Adam Litke
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Others Present: Linda Burhenne and Gerry Morgan from the Commissioners' Office, Frank Antenucci from ADP, and several members of the public were in attendance.

### **2.03 Certification of Delivery of Official Notices**

Certification of delivery of the official notices of the regular meeting of the Board of Health was made by Adam Litke, Administrator.

## **7.0**

### **7.01 Geauga Public Health's Physical Location**

Adam Litke reviewed possible options for reducing the rent at the Administrative Building. The Board discussed the following considerations: Implementation of the Operation and Maintenance program and additional staff needed for it, remove/hybrid work schedule, future requirements.

County Administrator Gerry Morgan spoke about the future of 470 Center Street and other county properties. He also stated that the purpose of the additional space needed for ADP is to have the complete department in one location.

Ron Graham shared his concerns regarding location changes and the effect it will have on GPH's Public Health Accreditation status.

Board members shared their concerns regarding the generator at the Administrative Building, future growth, the lease agreement and funding.

Frank Antenucci from ADP shared his suggestions regarding the space at the Administrative Building.

Lynn Roman and Dr. Mark Hendrickson will begin working on a proposal. Adam Litke will request information on building costs, bond agreement, draft lease agreement, estimate for renovations of the kitchenette area.

Adam Litke said that GPH also shares its truck and trailer with county agencies that cannot afford their own.

## **7.02**

### **Future Plans for Geauga Public Health**

Did not discuss.

## **7.03**

### **Additional Business Deemed Necessary**

No additional business was discussed.

## **8.0**

### **Citizens' Remarks**

Adam Litke outlined the process and policies for providing public comment. Those who would like to comment but not attend the meeting are invited to email [info@geaugacountyhealth.org](mailto:info@geaugacountyhealth.org) and their comments will be forwarded to the Board.

Richard Piraino provided handouts for the Geauga Public Health levy.

A citizen shared her concerns about the lease agreement and issues with the generator/HVAC.

Chris Alusheff, Health District Advisory Council (HDAC) president, shared his thoughts regarding the lease agreement. He also stated that this was also a discussion at the most recent HDAC meeting. The next HDAC meeting will be held December 13, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. He also asked the Board what is being done for nuisance abatements.

A citizen shared her thoughts about the lease agreement and recommended only having a one or two year agreement.

**10.0**  
**Adjournment**

*With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.*

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Secretary

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President