

AGENDA
GEAUGA PUBLIC HEALTH
October 15, 2025

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

3.0 Board of Health

3.01 Minutes, Regular Meeting September 17, 2025

4.0 Health District Staff Reports

- 4.01 Population Health Report
- 4.02 Environmental Health Report
- 4.03 Administrator's Report
- 4.04 Health Commissioner's Report

5.0 Old Business

No Old Business

6.0 New Business

- 6.01 Resolutions
 - 6.01.01 Financial Reports, Resolution 25-10-06-01-01
 - 6.01.02 Permission to Approve Fund Balance Adjustments
- 6.02 Permission to Adopt ADP's Cybersecurity Compliance Program
- 6.03 Permission to Adopt the 2025 Geauga County Community Health Needs Assessment
- 6.04 Permission to Rename the County Camp Program to the Resident Camp Program

7.0 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.

8.0 Adjournment

1.0 Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Geauga County Board of Health was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, by President Ashley Jones. The meeting was held at the Geauga County Office Building located at 12611 Ravenwood Drive, Chardon, Ohio.

2.0 Opening of Meeting

2.01 Declaration of Quorum

The following members were present constituting a quorum:

Melissa DeBoth
Dr. Mark Hendrickson

Ashley Jones, Pharm D
Lynn Roman

Christine Sutter

Minutes were recorded by Gina Parker.

Also present from the Health District staff:

Dan Lark, Administrator
Katie Taylor, Finance Director

Adam Litke, Deputy Health Commissioner

Others Present: ADP Deputy Chief Administrator Frank Antenucci and 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, Deputy Health Commissioner.

3.0 Board of Health

3.01 Approval of Minutes, Regular Meeting September 17, 2025

Dr. Mark Hendrickson moved and Lynn Roman seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2025, Board of Health regular meeting; motion carried. Ashley Jones abstained.

4.0 Health District Staff Reports

4.01 Population Health

4.01.01 Safe Communities

No coalition meeting was held in the month of September. The Health Educator provided traffic safety data regarding Ohio fatal crash data as well as seat belt usage breakdown for each county in the state of Ohio. The Health Educator also collected data on the fatal accident that occurred in the month of September to discuss at the next coalition meeting as well as monitored any accidents that may have occurred at the intersection that had recent changes made by ODOT. No events happened in the month of September. Geauga Public Health was awarded the Safe Communities grant for the upcoming grant year, and with the notice of the grant award the Health Educator was able to begin scheduling events for the upcoming grant year such as contacting schools for safe teen driving events.

4.01.02 Other Population Health Activities

Social media for the month of September focused on emergency preparedness, suicide prevention/ awareness, pedestrian safety, West Nile Virus, and proper car seat fittings for children.

In the month of September, the health department distributed 51 kits all to law enforcement agencies around Geauga County. The Health Educator also has been partnering with Geauga Mental Health and Recovery Services to expand Project Dawn to bring more awareness to the community and local agencies about the program. In September, the Health Educator partnered with the health department's Emergency Preparedness Specialist to set up a workshop to pack Naloxone kits. Through this effort, the Health Educator has been in communication with all police departments and fire departments in Geauga County to gather data on their Naloxone usage.

4.01.03 Grants

No grants at this time.

4.01.04

Programs

Vaccines for Children Clinics

We saw 24 individuals at the 9/8/25 vaccine clinic.

DTaP-7	Vaxelis-6	RotaTeq-3
Pebtacel-2	HPV-1	Men B-1
Pediarix-1	Polio-2	Varicella-2
Kinrix-4	MMR-8	ProQuad-6
Hep A-1	PCV-5	

A total of 49 vaccines were given.

We saw 20 individuals at the 9/10/25 vaccine clinic

DTaP-1	Vaxelis-6	PCV-3
Pentacel-1	Hib-3	Tdap-1
Pediarix-3	Polio-1	Varicella-2
Kinrix-3	MMR-5	ProQuad-3

There were a total 32 vaccines were given.

We saw 24 individuals at the 9/22/25 vaccine clinic.

DTaP-2	Penbraya-2	RotaTeq-2
Pediarix-1	Polio-1	Tdap-7
Kinrix-4	MMR-3	Varicella-8
Vaxelis-3	PCV-4	ProQuad-5

A total of 42 vaccines were given.

We saw 13 individuals at the 9/24/25 vaccine clinic.

DTaP-2	Vaxelis-7	PCV-7
Pediarix-1	Hib-1	Varicella-2
Kinrix-1	ProQuad-1	

A total of 22 vaccines were given.

GPH Adult Clinic

1 vaccine given to an adult.

TB Testing = 0

Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH)

No new information.

Community Events

- On 9/1/25, Melissa Kimbrough RN attended The Great Geauga County Fair and organized a booth where she provided traffic safety information, tick kits, along with health and wellness information.
- On 9/18/25, Melissa Kimbrough RN and Director of Nursing (DON) Natalie Pray BSN, RN helped with the Fishing Event in Lake County for individuals with disabilities.

Trainings and Meetings

- On 9/23/25, Melissa Kimbrough RN and DON virtually attended a Regional Ohio Department of Health School Nurse meeting. On this meeting, vaccination information and communicable disease guidelines were discussed.
- On 9/30/25, Melissa Kimbrough RN and DON attended a training through Nationwide Children's for lead testing. The plan is to perform lead testing at Geauga Head Start for children who have not had this testing done.

4.01.05

Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)

During the month of September, Ms. Castner has begun a project with the Crisis Response Director for the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services (MHRS) to create Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and a plan annex regarding crisis behavioral management during emergencies requiring activation of points of dispensing (PODs). In later phases, GPH staff will receive training to address behavioral concerns at a POD. GPH will in turn provide training for MHRS regarding PODs and issues that may arise when PODs are used for mass prophylaxis, so that the two agencies may work together to improve POD operations and user experience. GPH plans to invite MHRS to play in an upcoming POD game with a scenario addressing the release of a biological agent to simulate a POD and offer the opportunity for discussion and understanding of POD concepts. GPH and MHRC will work together to identify strengths and areas for improvement which may benefit from further coordination to better serve Geauga County residents, and particularly those with mental health or behavioral concerns during a public health emergency as well as identify additional potential collaborations.

Deliverables submitted to the Ohio Department of Health in September:

- PHEP Core 1.1 - Prepared4All Training

Deliverables approved by the Ohio Department of Health in September:

- PHEP Core 1.1 - Prepared4All Training

Ms. Castner attended the following meetings and trainings during the month of September:

- Suicide Prevention Coalition Meeting (September 11)
- PHEP Regional Workgroup Meeting – Nonpharmaceutical Interventions Plan (September 11)
- Regional Epi/Public Health Meeting (September 12)
- PHEP Office Hours (September 16)
- Geauga County LEPC Meeting (September 16)
- Project Scope Meeting with Tracy Jordan-Crisis Response Director (September 16)
- GPH MRC Meet and Greet and Naloxone Packing Event (September 17)
- Safety Planning and Crisis Prevention Training (September 19)
- Cleveland BioWatch Player Briefing (September 22)
- Cleveland BioWatch Full-Scale Exercise (September 24-25)

4.01.06

Epidemiology

Gauga County reported one outbreak of impetigo in a childcare setting, involving three cases. EpiCenter syndromic surveillance detected two anomalies during this period; neither required further follow-up.

Communicable Disease Reporting Updates (Effective October 1, 2025)

Several notable changes were also made to Ohio's communicable disease reporting requirements under the revised Administrative Code. Newly added Class A reportable diseases (must be reported immediately) include infant and wound botulism (previously only foodborne botulism was listed), free-living amoeba infection, and inhalation tularemia. Newly added Class B reportable diseases (must be reported by the next business day) include carbapenemase-producing organisms (replacing the older CP-CRE category), cholera, Cronobacter invasive infection in infants under 12 months, melioidosis, mpox, latent tuberculosis infection in children age two and younger, and non-inhalation tularemia. In addition, acute flaccid myelitis (AFM) and hospitalizations for COVID-19 and RSV are now Class B reportable conditions; however, individual COVID-19 cases no longer need to be reported. Conditions removed from the list include amebiasis and aseptic meningitis.

Communicable Diseases Reported by Month

Communicable Diseases reported among Geauga County residents through September 2025 are provided below. These counts represent confirmed Class A and Class B diseases reportable in the Ohio Disease Reporting System according to the Ohio Infectious Disease Control Manual (IDCM). Reportable disease rules are periodically revised by the Ohio Department of Health, and updates may affect which conditions appear in these counts.

														Year to Date (1/1/25 to current	2024 Year End Totals	2023 Year End Totals
Communicable Disease Report	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC				
Anaplasmosis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0	1	
Babesiosis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0	0	
Campylobacter	0	1	1	2	2	1	5	2	1				15	25	21	
C. auris	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	2	0	
CPO	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0				3	8	3	
CPO - Colonization Screening	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	1	0	
Chikungunya	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0	0	
Chlamydia	5	8	5	3	6	6	2	11	5				51	91	83	
COVID-19	138	89	56	55	34	24	20	45	49				510	1,445	2,068	
Coccidioidomycosis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0	0	
Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0	0	
Cryptosporidiosis	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				1	9	1	
Cyclosporiasis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0	0	
Dengue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	1	0	
E. Coli 0157:H7	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0				2	7	0	
Giardia	1	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	1				7	5	3	
Gonorrhea	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	2				7	26	19	
Haemophilus Influenza	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0				2	2	2	
Hepatitis A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	1	0	
Hepatitis B (acute)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0	0	
Hepatitis B (chronic)	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	2	1				7	5	5	
Hepatitis B (perinatal)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0	0	
Hepatitis C (acute)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0	1	
Hepatitis C (chronic)	0	1	2	0	0	5	1	0	0				9	13	18	
Hepatitis C (perinatal)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0	0	
Hepatitis E	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0	0	
Influenza-Hospitalized	37	70	21	2	0	0	1	1	0				132	62	27	
La Crosse Virus Disease	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0	0	
Legionnaires Disease	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0				4	6	4	
Leptospirosis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0	0	
Listeriosis	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0				1	2	0	
Lyme Disease	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0				3	12	9	
Malaria	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0	0	
Meningitis-aseptic/viral	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	1	2	
Meningitis, Bacterial not Neisseria	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1				1	0	0	
MIS-C associated with COVID-19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0	0	
Mpox	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	1	0	
Mumps	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				1	0	1	
Mycobacterium Tuberculosis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0	0	
Pertussis	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0				4	4	83	
Rocky Mountain spotted fever	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0	0	
Salmonellosis	0	0	1	2	2	1	0	2	0				8	20	10	
Shigellosis	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3				4	2	2	
Staph Aureus VRSA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0	0	
Streptococcal Group A (GAS)	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	2	1				7	12	16	
Streptococcal Group B Newborn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0	0	
Streptococcus Pneumonai(ISP)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0				1	8	3	
Syphilis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	3	5	
Tuberculosis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	1	0	
Varicella	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0				1	1	1	
Vibriosis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	1	0	
West Nile Virus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0	0	
Yersiniosis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	1	1	
Totals	184	175	90	69	50	43	36	70	64	0	0	0	781	1,778	2,389	

Adam Litke provided the following highlights:

- *Explained the process of Tuberculosis cases.*
- *Discussed the current status of vaccines. GPH will provide vaccines that we have available.*

Discussion:

Lynn Roman asked for the Safe Communities grant amount. Adam Litke said it is \$38,500 and it can only be used for the health educator's time spent on the grant.

Ashley Jones asked about requirements for naloxone. Adam Litke said GPH does have a pharmacy license.

Ashley Jones stated that Governor DeWine authorized the Ohio Board of Pharmacy to allow tools to prevent drug overdoses.

4.02

Environmental Health

4.02.01

Director's Report

Staff held three evening meetings for the public to answer questions about the operation and maintenance program. Forty four households attended between the three meeting.

The Healthspace conversion from HDIS has begun. Weekly meetings are occurring to ensure progress is being made.

4.02.02

Program Inspections

Environmental Health staff conducted the following program inspections in September:

Program	Inspections
Private Water Systems (wells)	62
Camps	0
Swimming Pools/Spas	0
*Food	113
Sewage Systems	16
For Sale of Property	0
HB 110 (Semi-Public) Systems	14
Operation and Maintenance Samples	74
Plumbing	97
Schools	1
Jails	0
Tattoo & Body Piercing	2
Nuisance Complaints	0
Solid Waste	0

*Includes routine inspections, reinspections, mobiles, temporaries, plan reviews, pre-licensing inspections, food-related nuisance complaints, and consultations.

Dan Lark provided the following highlights:

- *Provided an update to the Operation and Maintenance Service Assistance Fund.*
- *The anticipated go-live date for HealthSpace is in December.*

4.03

Administrator's Report

4.03.01

Administrator

1. Working with the Prosecutor's office to continue roll out of the Operation & Maintenance program.
2. Fees are continuously being reviewed for reasonableness. Fee adjustments are based on actual and expected costs to operate programs. Fees are meant to pay for the expense related to services provided and not generate additional "extra" revenue.
3. The Geauga 2023 and 2024 Audit has started and is expected to be completed by the end of October.

4.03.02

Notes to Financial Statements

Accounts Payable by G/L Distribution Report. This is the day-to-day or current expenses report.

Notes on Chart 1

As of September 30, 2025, the year is 75.00% complete. This percentage is a point of reference for what percentage of revenue and expense you might expect to see received/expensed at this point in the year.

The following are explanations for revenues and/or expenses that are significantly over budget or under budget from that reference point.

REVENUE:

With September being the ninth month, revenues are underestimated budgets.

EXPENSES:

This is the ninth month of the year, and expenses are under budget in part due to timing of invoice payments. We continue to work with the Geauga County Auditor's office to continue payment of invoices to the Lake County General Health District.

Notes on Chart 2

Chart 2 is a comparison of the beginning cash balance of each fund to the current cash balance of each fund.

Notes on Chart 3

The bar graph compares the revenue and expenses by each month for all funds combine

CHART 1

MONTH OF : SEPTEMBER

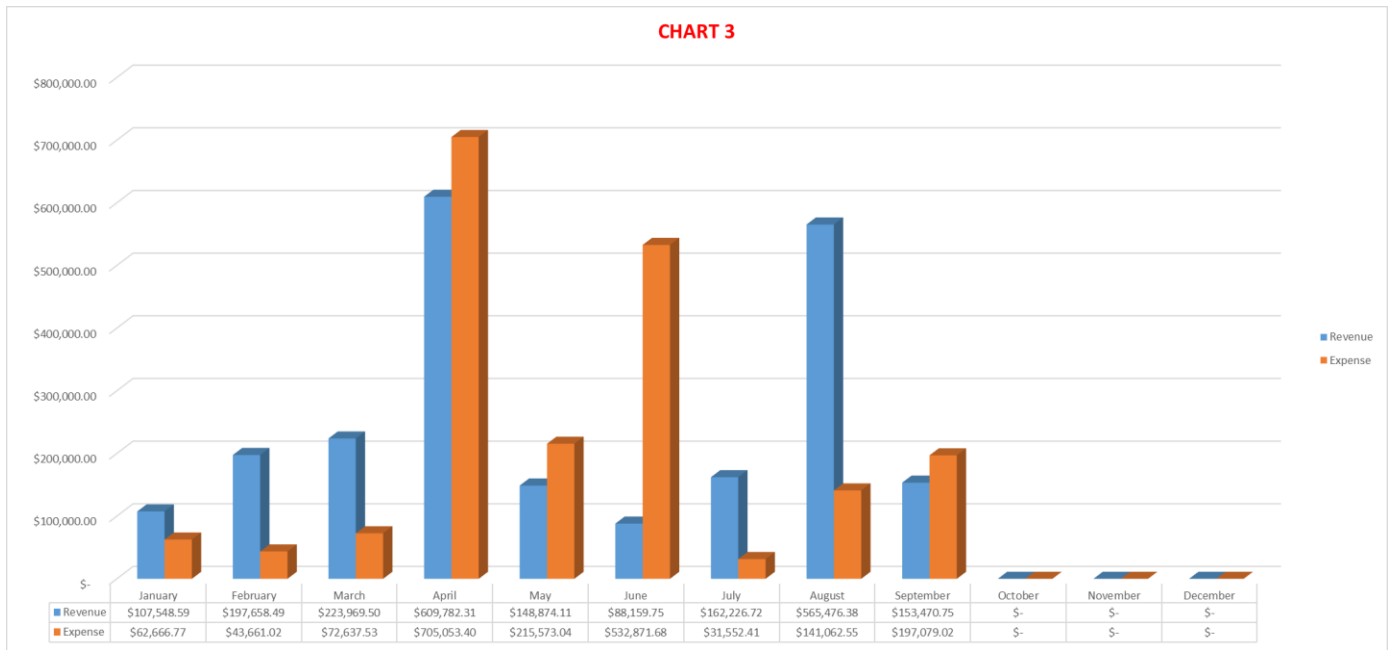
Revenue Type	Revised Budget	YTD Revenue	% of Budget Received
Property and Other Taxes	\$ 575,748.00	\$ 595,425.23	103.42%
Donations	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	0.00%
State Reimbursement-Real Estate	\$ 77,028.00	\$ 73,456.54	95.36%
State Revenues	\$ 461,063.00	\$ -	0.00%
Local Government Tax	\$ -	\$ -	
Permits	\$ 343,000.00	\$ 447,811.01	130.56%
Inspection Fees	\$ 827,000.00	\$ 236,227.25	28.56%
Fees	\$ 223,250.00	\$ 80,672.63	36.14%
Licenses	\$ 225,000.00	\$ 228,040.58	101.35%
Fines	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 5,804.00	165.83%
Fees Infectious Waste Fees	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!
Fees Solid Waste Fees	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 15,750.00	393.75%
Foundation Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	
Water Testing Fee	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 7,874.00	157.48%
Federal Grants	\$ 172,000.00	\$ -	0.00%
Local Match	\$ -	\$ -	
Reimbursements	\$ -	\$ 30,344.00	
Other Revenue	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 12,212.96	313.15%
Other Revenue Other Receipts	\$ 144,000.00	\$ 92,225.87	0.00%
Other Revenue Other Revenue	\$ 67,500.00	\$ 431,322.53	639.00%
Other Revenue Real Estate Fee Refund	\$ -	\$ -	
Transfers In	\$ 1,269,450.00	\$ -	0.00%
Total Revenue	\$ 4,406,439.00	\$ 2,257,166.60	51.22%
		Percentage of year Completed	75.00%
Expense Type	Revised Budget	YTD Expense	% of Budget Used
Salaries	\$ 95,929.00	\$ 67,424.90	70.29%
OPERS	\$ 17,267.00	\$ 9,313.53	53.94%
Medicare	\$ 1,390.00	\$ 943.41	67.87%
Workers Compensation	\$ 2,398.00	\$ -	0.00%
Hospitalization	\$ 45,137.00	\$ 23,865.44	52.87%
Unemployment	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 194.88	3.90%
Contract Services	\$ 3,159,305.27	\$ 1,409,699.85	44.62%
Travel	\$ 35,903.20	\$ 14,194.28	39.53%
Vehicle Expense	\$ -	\$ -	-
Legal Fees	\$ 18,674.81	\$ 226.22	1.21%
Advertising	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 441.00	22.05%
State Remittance	\$ 89,694.00	\$ 28,639.00	31.93%
State Remittance Ohio Permit Fee	\$ 20,382.00	\$ 3,496.00	17.15%
State Remittance Ohio Water Test Fee	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Materials and Supplies	\$ 73,239.91	\$ 3,544.35	4.84%
Materials and Supplies Supplies	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 26,504.22	88.35%
Materials and Supplies Vaccine Supply	\$ 11,222.75	\$ 245.95	2.19%
Equipment	\$ 58,000.00	\$ 10,028.16	17.29%
Equipment Equipment	\$ 7,490.28	\$ 5,000.00	66.75%
Equipment Equipment Maintenance	\$ 5,899.41	\$ -	0.00%
Other	\$ 607,468.33	\$ 272,077.94	44.79%
Other County RE Tax Expenses	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 10,358.06	94.16%
Other Health Emergency	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Other Other Expenses	\$ 79,750.00	\$ 32,355.00	40.57%
Other State RE Tax Expenses	\$ 250.00	\$ 107.28	42.91%
Other VS Remit to State	\$ 155,000.00	\$ 81,585.20	52.64%
Refunds	\$ 9,974.00	\$ 1,912.75	19.18%
Repair Services	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Transfers Out	\$ 1,234,450.00	\$ -	0.00%
Total Expense	\$ 5,776,824.96	\$ 2,002,157.42	34.66%
		Percentage of year Completed	75.00%
Revenue Less Expense	\$ (1,370,385.96)	\$ 255,009.18	
Beginning Cash Balance		\$ 4,312,913.46	
Total Cash on Hand		\$ 4,567,922.64	
Cash on Hand Per Cash Position Report		\$ 4,567,922.64	

CHART 2

MONTH OF : SEPTEMBER

Fund Number	Fund name	Beginning Cash Balance	YTD Revenue Per Budget Performance	YTD Expense Per Budget Performance	Ending Cash Balance	YTD Cash Per Cash Position Report
6002	Board of Health	\$ 878,286.92	\$ 1,057,970.15	\$ 1,661,834.34	\$ 274,422.73	\$ 274,422.73
6004	Trailer Park	\$ 18,013.75	\$ 4,030.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 20,943.75	\$ 20,943.75
6005	Food Service	\$ 544,969.96	\$ 236,094.58	\$ 18,629.60	\$ 762,434.94	\$ 762,434.94
6008	Infectious Waste/ Solid Waste	\$ 124,907.06	\$ 15,750.00	\$ -	\$ 140,657.06	\$ 140,657.06
6011	Private Water Systems	\$ 300,917.14	\$ 54,265.50	\$ 6,479.54	\$ 348,703.10	\$ 348,703.10
6018	Swimming Pools	\$ 45,798.21	\$ 11,268.75	\$ 2,680.00	\$ 54,386.96	\$ 54,386.96
6021	Public Health Infrastructure	\$ 619,676.45	\$ -	\$ 2,716.76	\$ 616,959.69	\$ 616,959.69
6023	Sewage Treatment Systems	\$ 580,892.99	\$ 279,596.25	\$ 35,362.49	\$ 825,126.75	\$ 825,126.75
6025	Immunization Action Plan	\$ 27,587.13	\$ -	\$ 245.95	\$ 27,341.18	\$ 27,341.18
6030	Emergency Response Fund	\$ 26,140.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,140.00	\$ 26,140.00
6036	Environmental Health Assistance	\$ 64,369.16	\$ 125.00	\$ 29,650.00	\$ 34,844.16	\$ 34,844.16
6037	For Sale of Property	\$ 449,465.34	\$ 396,585.02	\$ 242,648.74	\$ 603,401.62	\$ 603,401.62
6039	Alcohol, Tobacco & Other Drugs	\$ 52,879.66	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 52,879.66	\$ 52,879.66
6040	Injury Prevention	\$ 84,188.45	\$ 7,825.34	\$ 810.00	\$ 91,203.79	\$ 91,203.79
6041	Workforce Development	\$ 319,629.34	\$ 29,914.00	\$ -	\$ 349,543.34	\$ 349,543.34
6042	Population Health Fund	\$ 175,191.90	\$ 5,242.00	\$ -	\$ 180,433.90	\$ 180,433.90
6043	Operations & Maintenance	\$ -	\$ 158,500.01	\$ -	\$ 158,500.01	\$ 158,500.01
Total		\$ 4,312,913.46	\$ 2,257,166.60	\$ 2,002,157.42	\$ 4,567,922.64	\$ 4,567,922.64

CHART 3



Adam Litke provided the following highlights:

- *The 2026 temporary appropriations will be provided at the November meeting.*
- *Will be working on the 2027 budget. Once approved by the board, it will be submitted to the Health District Advisory Council in March.*
- *The audit is ongoing.*
- *Unsure of funding with the Federal shutdown.*

4.04

Health Commissioner's Report

4.04.01

New ACIP Members Announced, Meeting Held in September

CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice (ACIP) convened in September to [consider](#) changes to the childhood vaccination schedule including to the Measles, Mumps, Rubella, and Varicella (MMRV), Hepatitis B, and COVID-19 vaccines. This is the second ACIP meeting since Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., [dismissed](#) all committee members earlier this year. Ahead of this week's meeting, Secretary Kennedy announced the [addition](#) of five new ACIP members, in addition to the seven that he added following the mass dismissal of the committee's members in June.

During the two-day meeting, the panel [voted](#) to change a recommendation for the combined measles, mumps, rubella, varicella (MMRV) vaccine for children under 4, instead recommending two separate vaccines for the group, one for MMR and one for varicella (commonly known as chickenpox). The MMRV shot is no longer recommended for children under age 4, and it will not be covered by the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. For children over 4, the shot continues to be recommended and will remain covered by VFC. While the committee voted against explicitly requiring a prescription for COVID-19 vaccination, it removed the blanket recommendation that all individuals over 65 receive the vaccine and shifted to shared clinical decision-making. For individuals 6 months to 65 years, the committee recommended receiving the vaccine based on shared clinical decision-making with an emphasis on the risk-benefit of vaccination, meaning that the COVID vaccine is more beneficial for those at increased risk of severe illness. This is a shift from previous years where the committee recommended all individuals above 6 months receive an updated COVID vaccine. These changes will now go to HHS for approval by the interim director of CDC, Jim O'Neill. Additionally, the panel agreed to delay a vote on changing the recommendation for Hepatitis B immunization at birth.

4.04.02

Newsweek: ER Deaths Surged in US Hospitals Taken Over by Private Equity

Patient deaths have been found to increase in U.S. hospitals after being acquired by private equity firms, according to one study. The death rates rose in the emergency departments of these hospitals in comparison to similar hospitals not acquired by private equity, the study says. This nationwide study of hundreds of hospitals by researchers at Harvard Medical School, the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Chicago builds on previous evidence demonstrating the link. (Millington, 9/22)

4.04.03

Modern Healthcare: CMS Release Hospital Readmission Penalties for Fiscal 2026

The number of hospitals faced with readmissions penalties of at least 1% come October 1 is set to rise to the highest number since fiscal 2022. Prior to fiscal 2026, the number of hospitals facing readmissions penalties of 1% or more had dropped for five consecutive years. But preliminary data released Friday by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) showed the number of hospitals set to pay penalties of 1% or more under the Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program will increase to 8.1%, or 240 hospitals, in fiscal 2026 compared to 7%, or 208 hospitals, in fiscal 2025. (Eastabrook, 9/22)

4.04.04

NBC News: Measles Outbreak Growing in Parts of Arizona and Utah, Health Officials Say

One of the largest measles outbreaks in the U.S. is now centered in bordering areas of southwestern Utah and Arizona. In Southwest Utah, all but one of the 23 confirmed cases are among unvaccinated, school-age kids, the Southwest Utah Public Health Department reported. In Mohave County, Arizona, which health officials believe is connected to the Utah outbreak, there have been 42 confirmed cases of the highly contagious virus. (Kopf, Fattah and Murphy, 9/22)

4.04.05

Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy (CIDRAP): New World Screwworm Confirmed in Cow Just 70 Miles South Of US-Mexico Border

Mexico confirmed a case of New World screwworm (NWS) in Sabinas Hidalgo, in a cow in Nuevo Leon state, less than 70 miles from the US-Mexico border. The flesh-eating parasitic infection, carried by the *Cochliomyia hominivorax* fly, a type of blowfly, is causing a large outbreak in Central America. NWS can infect any warm-blooded animal, but human cases are rare. So far this year, US officials haven't confirmed any cases in animals. (Van Beusekom, 9/22)

4.04.06

Senate Vote Completes Override of Property Tax Levy Veto

In early October, the Senate finalized the reversal of Governor DeWine's decision to nix language from the budget bill restricting political subdivisions' ability to pursue replacement levies. The House voted to override this language in July. The successful overrides in both chambers restore the language as passed by the General Assembly.

4.04.07

Other News from the Statehouse

- **Property Tax Levies**—Last week, the House Local Government Committee had its second hearing on [HB 137](#), which grants discretion to taxing authorities to refuse the request of a library or general health district to submit a tax to voters. The committee approved an amendment that clarifies that a library levy would be submitted only to the taxing authority of the political subdivision to which the library is subject — regardless of whether the library’s service area extends beyond that subdivision’s boundaries.
The only proponent testimony came from the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO). They support the bill because it ensures oversight by elected officials. In testimony, CCAO stated, “The key to this bill is that the board of general health districts and the trustees of libraries are not elected officials.” Association of Ohio Health Commissioners (AOHC) opposes this bill.
- **Reimbursing 340B Covered Entities**—[SB 198](#) had its first hearing in the Senate Health Committee, with sponsor testimony from Sen. Kyle Koehler (R-Springfield). The bill seeks to protect 340B covered entities by prohibiting drug manufacturers and other payers from taking certain actions that would limit reimbursement for drugs purchased through the 340B Drug Pricing Program. AOHC supports SB 198.
- **School Overdose Reversal Policies**—Last week the Senate approved HB 57, bipartisan legislation that allows schools to adopt policies for administering overdose reversal drugs, such as naloxone. HB 57 allows schools to stock and administer opioid overdose antidotes under locally approved policies, giving districts the flexibility to respond quickly in the event of a medical emergency.
- The Senate added an unrelated amendment involving release time for religious instruction, which drew some debate. The House concurred with the changes, and the bill now heads to the governor’s desk for signature.

4.04.08

Governor DeWine Authorizes Ohio Board of Pharmacy to Adopt Emergency Rule Legalizing Tools to Prevent Drug Overdoses

Governor Mike DeWine signed [Executive Order 2025-04D](#) to suspend the normal rulemaking process to allow the Ohio Board of Pharmacy to adopt a rule allowing expanded access to tools to prevent drug overdoses. In addition to test strips and reagent kits for fentanyl, the rule, OAC 4729-8-02, exempts tests for the following compounds from the definition of drug paraphernalia under Ohio law:

- Xylazine;
- Medetomidine;
- Benzimidazole-opioids (commonly referred to as nitazenes); and
- Benzodiazepine and benzodiazepine-related compounds.

Drug test strips and reagent kits serve as crucial tools in harm reduction efforts, allowing users to test substances for the presence of certain substances that are contributing significantly to overdose fatalities.

4.04.09

Property Tax Reform Working Group Issues Final Report

The [final report](#) adopted the Governor's Property Tax Reform Working Group encompasses 20 recommendations for consideration. The report follows months of meetings — both in public and behind closed doors — by the 11-member group formed by Gov. DeWine as a cross section of former lawmakers, local elected officials and school superintendents.

Among the work group's 20 recommendations:

- Refine the process and definition of County Budget Commissions, including a timeline from when a levy is passed to when a Budget Commission could reduce said levy.
- Limit carry over balances for all taxing districts to 100%. Any carryover balance over 100% would need to be justified in writing to the satisfaction of the County Budget Commission.
- County Commissioners should review and reject or approve any levies being placed on the ballot by county-wide, non-elected entities.
- Explicitly authorize levy boards to retain interest earned on their levies, while granting county commissioners the ability to recover the indirect costs incurred by the county in providing services to the board.
- Encourage the Governor to form a working group to look at and analyze the efficiencies of the various levels of government.

4.04.10

Federal Government Shuts Down as Funding Expires

Federal government funding expired at 11:59 p.m. on September 30, 2025. Without a continuing resolution, the government will remain shut down. While we do not expect significant disruptions to the work of local health departments, it is important to note that the impact may change depending on the length of the lapse in federal appropriations.

Every agency has a [2026 shut down contingency plan](#). Per that plan, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will furlough 41% of its staff, with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) furloughing nearly 65%. At this time, we expect the Payment Management System (PMS) to remain operational as the HHS plan explicitly says that staff who ensure payments from the PMS system to grantee will continue to work. This is an issue National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) has been advocating on and we are glad to see it explicitly included in the plan. We are hopeful that this means we will not see interruptions or delays to the drawdown process but recognize that unanticipated challenges may still occur.

CDC staffing has been significantly reduced, with only essential functions occurring. This means any questions or meetings with technical monitors, or other CDC advisors, will be interrupted. CDC staff on furlough cannot work; this includes responding to email. CDC staff deemed essential are only able to work on specific activities. Local health departments expecting new or updated direct federal funding may face delays but can continue to spend funding they have already received. The shutdown plan also notes the suspension of analysis of surveillance data for reportable diseases.

A notable exception to the above is [WIC funding](#) which is provided through the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). WIC is a discretionary program, so it receives no new funding during a shutdown. At this time, federal contingency funds will only sustain benefit delivery for a few days. After that, states will need to rely on their own funding streams to keep the program running in the short term, which they will be able to do to varying degrees.

Ron H. Graham provided the following highlights:

- *No updates.*

5.0

Old Business

No Old Business.

6.0
New Business

6.01

6.01.01
Financial Reports, Resolution 25-10-06-01-01

Dr. Mark Hendrickson moved and Melissa DeBoth seconded a motion to approve the Financial Reports for payment of bills, as listed in the recapitulation sheets attached to these minutes; motion carried.

Discussion:

Lynn Roman asked about the expenses in the For Sale of Property fund. Adam Litke said there are still Operation and Maintenance (O&M) fees that were deposited into this fund before the O&M fund was created.

6.01.02
Permission to Approve Fund Balance Adjustments

Dr. Mark Hendrickson moved and Lynn Roman seconded a motion to approve Fund Balance Adjustments related to the Cross-Jurisdictional Agreement with Lake County General Health District; motion carried.

Katie Taylor explained the need for the fund balance adjustments.

6.02
Permission to Adopt ADP's Cybersecurity Compliance Program

Dr. Mark Hendrickson moved and Lynn Roman seconded a motion to adopt ADP's Cybersecurity Compliance Program; motion carried.

Automatic Data Processing (ADP) Deputy Chief Administrator Frank Antenucci stated the program is needed for mandatory cybersecurity compliance.

Discussion:

Lynn Roman asked what was involved in the cybersecurity training. Frank Antenucci stated that the training is comprised of random, quarterly, and annual activities.

Ashley Jones asked if the new policy would replace the previous one. Frank Antenucci said it has been incorporated into an updated Acceptable Use Policy.

Dr. Mark Hendrickson asked what was being done to avoid suspicious technology. Frank Antenucci said all county owned equipment must be approved by ADP.

6.03

Permission to Adopt the 2025 Geauga County Community Health Needs Assessment

Dr. Mark Hendrickson moved and Melissa DeBoth seconded a motion to adopt the 2025 Geauga County Community Health Needs Assessment. Prepared by Dr. Matthew Nichols of Four Springs Health, LLC, on behalf of Geauga Public Health and University Hospitals, the 2025 Geauga County Community Health Assessments identifies and prioritizes Geauga County’s current health needs. This document meets both Public Health Accreditation Board and Internal Revenue Service requirements for non-profit hospitals. Once approved, this assessment will be the basis for the upcoming 2026-2028 Geauga County Community Health Improvement Plan; motion carried.

6.04

Permission to Rename County Camps to Resident Camps

Christine Sutter moved and Dr. Mark Hendrickson seconded a motion to rename Geauga Public Health’s County Camp program to the Resident Camp program to keep the wording consistent with Ohio Department of Health. The change of name will not impact any operations, policies, or regulations; motion carried.

7.0

Citizens’ Remarks

Ashley Jones 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 and their comments will be forwarded to the Board.

A member of the public asked what HealthSpace is. Dan Lark said it is a new program to track all Environmental Health programs. Features will include an online payment portal and public viewing of restaurant inspection reports online.

8.0

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Secretary

President

BOARD OF HEALTH
GEAUGA PUBLIC HEALTH
October 15, 2025

The Board of the Geauga Public Health met this day, October 15, 2025,
in a regularly scheduled meeting with the following members present:

Ashley Jones
Melissa DeBoer
Sybil Roman

Mark Hendrickson
Chris

Dr. Mark Hendrickson presented the following resolution and named its adoption.

RESOLUTION TO: APPROVE CURRENT BILLS FOR PAYMENT

WHEREAS, the Board of the Geauga Public Health hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board of Health, and that all the deliberations of this Board of Health and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal actions, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health, by this resolution, approves the payment of current bills as indicated on the attached recapitulation sheets.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health in and for the Geauga Public Health, that as evidenced by the Certification of Funds signed by the Geauga County Auditor, the Health Commissioner is hereby authorized to forward a certified copy of this resolution and attached recapitulation sheets to the Geauga County Auditor for payment of current bills during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2025.

Melissa DeBoer seconded the resolution and the vote being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

"AYES" 5 "NAYS" 0

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

I, Adam Litke, Administrator of the Board of Health do hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the said Board on October 15, 2025.

Witness my hand this 15th day of October 2025.

Administrator, Board of Health
[Signature]



Accounts Payable by G/L Distribution Report

Invoice Date Range 09/01/25 - 09/30/25

Vendor	Invoice No.	Invoice Description	Status	Invoice Date	G/L Date	Invoice Amount
Fund 6002 - Board of Health Fund						
Department 053 - Health Department						
Sub Department 00 - Non Departmental						
Account 601 - Contract Services						
3709 - PUBLIC ENTITIES POOL OF OHIO	2026 Annual Insu	2026 Annual Insurance	Paid by Check # 1187245	09/17/2025		41,931.00
52399 - LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT	GPH-4-2025April	CJA Apr 2025 Salaries	Paid by Check # 1187961	10/01/2025		149,043.94
		GPH-Cont 40-43	Account 601 - Contract Services Totals		Invoice Transactions	\$190,974.94
Account 701.5301 - Materials and Supplies Supplies						
10451 - AT&T MOBILITY II LLC	07/18-08/17-4	BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER	Paid by Check # 1187247	09/17/2025		101.72
27248 - STAPLES INC DBA QUILL LLC	45424578	BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER	Paid by Check # 1187251	09/17/2025		40.77
34331 - VERIZON WIRELESS	6121809450-2	BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER	Paid by Check # 1187252	09/17/2025		160.44
		Account 701.5301 - Materials and Supplies Totals		Invoice Transactions		\$302.93
Account 801 - Equipment						
10451 - AT&T MOBILITY II LLC	07/18-08/17-1	BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER	Paid by Check # 1187247	09/17/2025		174.17
14430 - DEX IMAGING LLC	08/09-09/08/25	BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER	Paid by Check # 1187248	09/17/2025		416.06
56379 - SOUTHERN COMPUTER WAREHOUSE	INV00849488	Ergo Mouse	Paid by Check # 1187963	10/01/2025		75.85
		Account 801 - Equipment Totals		Invoice Transactions		\$666.08
Account 901.5303 - Other VS Remit to State						
17180 - OHIO DIVISION OF REAL ESTATE	070125-073125	080125-083125 Burial Permit Fees	Paid by Check # 1187639	09/24/2025		175.00
12955 - STATE OF OHIO	Q2 2025 Vital St Fees	2nd Qtr 2025 Vital Status Fees	Paid by Check # 1187634	09/24/2025		27,802.16
		Account 901.5303 - Other VS Remit to State Totals		Invoice Transactions		\$27,977.16
Fund 6002 - Board of Health Fund Totals						
		Fund 6002 - Board of Health Fund Totals		Invoice Transactions		\$219,921.11
Fund 6005 - Food Service Fund						
Department 053 - Health Department						
Sub Department 00 - Non Departmental						
Account 701 - Materials and Supplies						
724 - CHARDON OIL CO INC	10560164	FOOD MISC MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	Paid by Check # 1187244	09/17/2025		131.70



Accounts Payable by G/L Distribution Report

Invoice Date Range 09/01/25 - 09/30/25

52399 - LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT	07&08/25 Lab	FSOP other	09/17/2025	09/24/2025	70.32
			1187640		
52399 - LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT	07&08/25.2 Lab	blanket - for sale of property - other	09/17/2025	09/24/2025	165.00
			1187640		
52399 - LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT	07&08/25.3 Lab	MISC OTHER	09/17/2025	09/24/2025	10,506.88
			1187640		
52399 - LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT	07&08/25.4 Lab	BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER	09/17/2025	09/24/2025	132.80
			1187640		
Account 901 - Other Totals			Invoice Transactions		\$106,506.25
Account 902 - Travel					
724 - CHARDON OIL CO INC	10560164 EH	MISC TRAVEL	09/17/2025	09/17/2025	592.20
			1187244		
Account 902 - Travel Totals			Invoice Transactions		\$592.20
Account 917 - Refunds					
17165 - DANIEL & MELISSA GODINSKY	082125 Overpay	FSOP Refunds	09/17/2025	09/24/2025	7.50
			1187637		
17166 - ALICIA SHARP	814409 Cancel	FSOP Refunds	09/17/2025	09/24/2025	165.00
			1187638		
Account 917 - Refunds Totals			Invoice Transactions		\$172.50
Fund 6037 - Health For Sale of Property Totals			Invoice Transactions		\$107,270.95
Grand Totals			Invoice Transactions		\$329,594.91

* = Prior Fiscal Year Activity



Expense Budget Performance Report

Date Range 09/01/25 - 09/30/25

Include Rollup Account and Rollup to Account

Account	Account Description	Current Month Transactions
Fund 6002	Board of Health Fund	
Department 053	Health Department	
Sub Department 00	Non Departmental	
	EXPENSE	
501	Salaries	11,542.82
502	Medicare	163.06
503	Hospitalization	3,280.00
504	OPERS	1,572.69
	EXPENSE TOTALS	\$16,558.57
Sub Department 00	Non Departmental Totals	(\$16,558.57)
Department 053	Health Department Totals	(\$16,558.57)
Fund 6002	Board of Health Fund Totals	\$16,558.57
	Grand Totals	\$16,558.57



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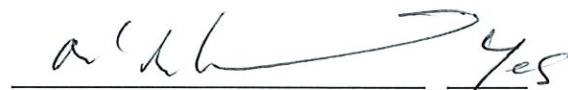
12611 Ravenwood Dr., Suite 301, Chardon, OH 44024-1071

To: Mr. Ron Leyde, Deputy Auditor

At the October 15, 2025, meeting of the Geauga Public Health Board of Health, The Board adopted the following Fund Balance Adjustment Requests:

Fund Name	Fund Number	Dept	Sub Dept	Account	Description	Increase	Decrease
Trailer Park	6004	053	00	601	Contract Services		\$3,827.27
General	6002	053	00	499	Transfers In	\$3,827.27	
Food Services	6005	053	00	601	Contract Services		\$149,263.70
General	6002	053	00	499	Transfers In	\$149,263.70	
Private Water Systems	6011	053	00	601	Contract Services		\$42,100.02
General	6002	053	00	499	Transfers In	\$42,100.02	
Swimming Pool	6018	053	00	601	Contract Services		\$5,740.91
General	6002	053	00	499	Transfers In	\$5,740.91	
Sewage Treatment System	6023	053	00	601	Contract Services		\$258,341.02
General	6002	053	00	499	Transfers In	\$258,341.02	
Emergency Response	6030	053	00	601	Contract Services		\$2,870.46
General	6002	053	00	499	Transfers In	\$2,870.46	
Injury Prevention	6040	053	00	601	Contract Services		\$38,272.74
General	6002	053	00	499	Transfers In	\$38,272.74	
Total Increase/Decrease to Fund Balances:						\$500,416.12	\$500,416.12


 Ashley Jones, President yes
 vote


 Mark Hendrickson, Pres Pro-Tem yes
 vote


 Melissa DeBoth yes
 vote


 Lynn Roman yes
 vote


 Christine Sutter yes
 vote