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Lawrence County Board of Health October 20th, 2021, Minutes

Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM. Present were Mark Dickess, Brenda Shipley, Lois Herrell, and Randy Lambert. Curt Anderson was present by phone. Also present was Georgia Dillon, Health Commissioner; Zach Schweinsberg, Fiscal Officer; Paul O'Banion, Environmental Director; Angela Doyle, Director of Nursing.

Paul O'Banion presented a letter to the Board of Health addressed to Mr. Lee Augarten. The letter informed Mr. Augarten that a septic leach field located on his property at 228 Twp. Rd. 612 was continuing to discharge septic effluent onto an adjacent neighbor's property (in violation of OAC 3703-29-06-E3). The letter outlined terms that needed to be met for the septic system to be compliant with OAC 3703-29-01-23. The letter also stated that the septic system must be operational by 11/26/2021 or the matter would be submitted to the Lawrence County Prosecutor's Office for enforcement. The Board of Health reviewed the letter and was satisfied with the contents thereof.

Approval of minutes: A motion was made by Mark Dickess to approve the minutes for the September 15th, 2021, Lawrence County Board of Health meeting. The motion was seconded by Brenda Shipley. All were in favor, the motion passed.

The Board of Health reviewed the Statement of Cash Position, Expense Report, Expense Transaction Ledger, U.S. Bank Statement for September, and various GMIS Monthly expenditure reports. Discussion was held regarding the difficulty of getting Chris Kline to approve the purchase of Visa Gift cards as a Covid vaccination incentive for those receiving their first shot. Discussion was also held regarding unused funds to be returned to the Ohio EPA under the MOSQUITO FUND (E11).

Discussion was then held regarding a written agreement between Lawrence County Health Department and Lawrence County Commissioners, which indicated that the Health Department will provide a TB nurse for Lawrence County (a requirement under ORC 339.73). Only an unsigned copy was available for review at the time of the meeting, which was dated for 2017. The amount of money that Lawrence County potentially owed to the Health Department was unclear, as the unsigned agreement indicated that the County would pay \$30,000.00 to the Health Department each year, but in 2019 the Health Department only charged \$22,500.00. For unknown reasons, the Health Department did not charge the County at all in 2020. The Health Department charged and received \$22,500.00 in 2021. The County was invoiced in 2021 for the TB nurse provided by the Health Department in 2020, but the County refused to pay. In the County's refusal, three main reasons were provided: 1.) The Health Department did not need the money since the Health Department's cash balance was at a record high; 2.) The County's budget could not accommodate paying for two years in one, and; 3.) The Health Department failed to submit an invoice for 2020. The Board of Health decided not to compel the County to pay for the TB Nurse provided in 2020 since the Health Department was not in desperate need of the funds and to avoid putting a hardship on the County. The Board of Health instructed Zach Schweinsberg, Fiscal Officer to invoice the County an additional \$7,500.00 for the TB nurse provided in 2021.



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Approval of expenditures: Mark Dickess made a motion to approve the expenditures.

The motion was seconded by Lois Herrell. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Georgia Dillon, Health Commissioner then provided a report on food transmittals. The Health Department is behind on food inspections. Revenue is anticipated to be down in 2021 for food service. Dog bites were up again this month. Covid cases are declining. It is anticipated that a vaccine will be approved for children under the age of 12.

Brief discussion was held on the efficiency of the Health Department's vaccination clinics.

Zach Schweinsberg, Fiscal Officer, presented Resolution 11052021a for consideration by the Board of Health. The resolution is to authorize a cash advance from E00 BOARD OF HEALTH to E21 COVID-19 GRANT. The resolution is necessary to prevent issues with cash flow and will be repaid to E00 BOARD OF HEALTH in January, 2022 (approximately). The motion was made by Brenda Shipley to approve the resolution and seconded by Mark Dickess. All were in favor.

Approval of reports received: A motion was made by Mark Dickess to approve the reports received. The motion was seconded by Lois Herrell. All were in favor. Motion Passed.

The approved reports included:

sanitation report, food transmittals report, vital statistics (birth & death certificates), burial permit fee, accreditation/PIO report, car seat / cribs, reproductive health, maternal and child health program, COVID-19 care resource coordination support, coronavirus response supplemental, COVID-19 enhanced operations, public workforce, Pallottine grant, Public Health Emergency Preparedness, Immunizations.

Included in the approved reports were the following line-item transfers:

Sewer/Septic Reimbursement

9/17/2021: \$5,000.00 added to E10-12C-002-000 *SALARIES* \$7,000.00 added to E10-12C-011-000 *MISC EXP* \$1,000.00 added to E10-12C-080-000 *OPERS* \$100.00 added to E10-12C-083-000 *MEDICARE*

Public Health Nursing

9/22/2021: \$10,000.00 added to F00-12C-003-000 Supplies

10/20/2021: \$4,000.00 added to F00-12C-002-000 Salaries

\$560.00 added to F00-12C-080-000 *PERS* \$58.00 added to F00-12C-083-000 *Medicare*





The date and time of the next Board of Health meeting was discussed. It was decided to schedule the next meeting for November 18th, 2021, at 4:00 PM.

Motion for adjournment: The motion to adjourn was made by Kurt Anderson. The motion was seconded by Brenda Shipley. All were in favor. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM on 10/20/2021.

Minutes Approved by:

Randall Lambert, BOH President

Date

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Resolution no. 11052021a

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAWRENCE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH TO MAKE A CASH ADVANCE OF \$117,502.00 TO FUND E21 COVID-19 GRANT FROM FUND E00 BOARD OF HEALTH

WHEREAS expenditures need to be paid for from the correct funding source and;

WHEREAS the Lawrence County Health Department must incur expenditures prior to requesting reimbursement by the Ohio Department of Health for the *CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE SUPPLEMENTAL* grant (GMIS Project # 04410012CO0121)

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE COUTNY HEALTH DEPARTMENT BOARD OF HEALTH:

SECTION 1. To make a cash advance of \$117,502.00 from fund E00 BOARD OF HEALTH to fund E21 COVID-19 GRANT

SECTION 2. The cash advance shall be repaid from fund E21 *COVID-19 GRANT* to fund E00 *BOARD OF HEALTH* in a reasonable amount of time after funds have been received by the Lawrence County Health Department from the Ohio Department of Health (estimated to be during January, 2022)

Randy Lambert

Board of Health President

Date

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