



LAWRENCE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Lawrence County Board of Health 09-17-2025 Minutes

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 PM.

Roll Call

Randy Lambert (President)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent <input type="checkbox"/> Present
Mark Dickess (Vice-President)	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present
Brenda Shipley	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present
Melanie Taylor	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present
Kevin Willis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent <input type="checkbox"/> Present

Also present was:

Tony Virgin (Health Commissioner)	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present
Debbie Fisher (Administrator)	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present
Angela Bostick-Doyle (Director of Nursing)	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present
Paul O'Banion (Environmental Health Director)	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present
Zach Schweinsberg (Fiscal Officer).	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present

Notes:

Approve Minutes

Mark Dickess asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Brenda Shipley made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Melanie Taylor seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Mark Dickess noted that no members of the public were present.

Financial

Mark Dickess asked for a motion to approve expenditures, pay bills & salaries, and accept the financial reports. Brenda Shipley made the motion. Melanie Taylor seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.



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Environmental

Debbie Fisher reported that a septage hauler wanted to find a local place to dispose of sewage. She contacted other Health Departments to ask their opinion about it. Preliminary feedback indicates that while the Health Department can permit something like this, it is probably best for the Ohio EPA to handle it. Debbie anticipates having more information to present to the Board of Health next month.

Personnel

The Board of Health reviewed a notice of resignation from Steve Rudd. Steve took another job closer to home. Debbie Fisher informed the Board of Health that the position of Registered Environmental Health Sanitarian has been posted. Steve's last day is scheduled to be 09-26-2025. Mark Dickess asked for a motion to accept the resignation. Brenda Shipley made the motion. Melanie Taylor seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

The Board of Health reviewed applications for the position of Administrator. Debbie stated that her retirement date is set for 12-31-2025 and that she signed paperwork at a meeting with OPERS. The Board of Health discussed the logistics involved with hiring a new administrator. Mark Dickess asked for a motion to enter executive session under Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G)(1) to consider the employment, dismissal, demotion, or compensation of a public employee. Brenda Shipley made the motion. Melanie Taylor seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken:

Mark Dickess: Yes
Brenda Shipley: Yes
Melanie Taylor: Yes

The Board of Health entered executive session at 12:24 PM. The Board of Health left executive session at 12:53 PM.

Brenda Shipley made a motion to proceed with the elimination of the position of Health Planner and to layoff Jennifer Newman, with her last day being 10-03-2025. Melanie Taylor seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed. This motion was previously approved on 07-23-2025 but was temporarily suspended when the position of Administrator



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was made available. The Health Department received no internal applicants, so the motion is now being carried out with an adjustment made to the last day of work.

Other Reports

The Board of Health reviewed the reports listed in section 6 of the agenda. Brenda Shipley made a motion to receive and file the reports as presented. Melanie Taylor seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Angela Bostick-Doyle provided an update on the active TB case in Lawrence County. The patient has been discharged from the hospital, is out of quarantine, and is now testing negative for TB. Angela also noted that monthly appointments for the primary care clinic were once again in the high 90s.

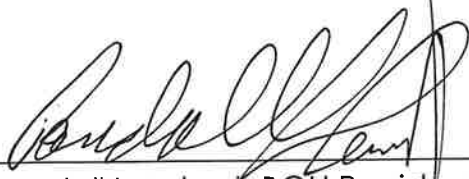
Debbie Fisher informed the Board that starting 10-10-2025, COVID-19 cases will only be reportable if it results in hospitalization. She also noted that Mitchell Jenkins is doing well in his new role as PHEP coordinator.

Adjournment

Melanie Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brenda Shipley seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 8th, 2025 at 12 PM in the Conference Room of Lawrence County Health Department

Minutes Approved by:



Randall Lambert, BOH President

10-8-25

Date