

## BROOKE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

Monday November 17, 7:00pm  
Brooke County Courthouse

Present: Joe Ierise, Mary Blum, Jennifer Cross, Carrie Estrada, Amanda Barnett, Dr. DePetro, April Eltringham, Michael Bolen.

Joe Ierise called the meeting to order at 7:11 pm.

Public Comment:  
NONE

Members reviewed the Meeting Minutes held on September 15, 2025  
Motion to approve: Jennifer Cross, Second by Mary Carrie Estrada. All in favor.

Correspondence:  
NONE.

New Business:

1. Members reviewed Expenditure Report: Motion to approve: Jennifer Cross, second: Carrie Estrada, All in favor.
2. Non-Base Building adjustment for 2026, Carrie Estrada motioned a non-base building adjusting for the year 2026 in the amount \$1500.00 for full-time employees and \$750.00 for one part time employee. Mary Blum second the motion, All in favor.
3. Carrie Estrada motioned to approve a 5% salary increase for five full-time employees and a 10% salary increase to the administrator, effective on January 1, 2026. Joe Ierise second this motion, all in favor.

Old Business:

1. NONE

Administrative Report.

1. Lab draws have increased, in 2023 we started this service and had 42 patients, this year as of the end of October we have provided this service to 138 patients.
2. October, we provided flu vaccines to all school staff excluding the Brooke High School as they have the school-based health center. There were clinics

also held at the DHHR building in Weirton, Beech Bottom Municipal Building, Wellsburg Fire Hall, Brooke County Senior Center and the Wellsburg Salvation Army.

3. Participated in "Save a Life Day" at the Wellsburg Police Department educating the public on Narcan.
4. Ran a PSA blood work special for \$5.00 in September for Prostate Cancer Awareness and Offered the bundle lab draw for \$25.00 the week of Halloween as a "Spooktacular Deal." Many people took advantage of this.
5. Pertussis case reported, the family have remained negative, we will continue to monitor.
6. Drug testing- will be conducting this hopefully the first of the year and working with many corporations.
7. There are now a regional epidemiologist and sanitarian, this is great to have in the northern panhandle.
8. Meeting with Change Inc. is coming to discuss options for Telehealth and how the Health Department can collaborate with them to offer these services in-house.
9. A rabies case in a racoon was reported that had contact with a puppy, the owners decided to quarantine animal and that animal is currently doing fine. The Brooke County animal control officer has been working on this with the Health Department.
10. Environmental updates: Alpha-gal syndrome caused by ticks, the US has had the first death, Lymes disease in on the rise, Septic Systems are picking up.

Motion to adjourn 7:57pm

Respectfully submitted,



Joe Ieris, Chair