

# BROOKE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

**Monday May 24, 2021 7:00 p.m.**

Present: Joe Ierise, Mary Blum, John Cunningham. Jennifer Cross, Carrie Estrada, Michael Bolen, April Eltringham, Dr. Deptro  
Guest: Stacey Wise

John Cunningham called Meeting to order at 7:05pm

Public comment: No public Comment

Jennifer Cross motioned to approve minutes from meeting held in March 2021 and Mary Blum second that motion.

Correspondence: None, Mike Bolen did mention audit for fiscal year 2020 and there were no findings. The letter for that should be arriving and presented at next meeting.

## New Business

1. Review and approval of Expenditure Report, Program Plan, motion to approve Mary Blum, Carrie Estrada 2<sup>nd</sup> that motion.

## Administrative Report:

COVID deaths and cases are down.

Brooke County only had two unreported deaths through the pandemic, and one was ruled to not be related to covid and the other was error in communication through reporting. No new variant cases on the county. School cases did spike as expected when kids returned to school, numbers overall were still less than before. The vaccine is working as the department has seen far less cases in nursing homes. Vaccine administration has slowed down, the health department was able to order an Ultra Cold Freezer through a grant. The department will also be able to order their own vaccines within a week or so.

Vaccine Number to date in count are as follows.

8200 1<sup>st</sup> dose received

7302 fully vaccinated

Those numbers do not reflect vaccines received other places, just the health department.

Everyone survived the vaccine and the department reports no severe reactions to it.

There are several grants coming to public health that should help with future projects to improve public health. The nurse that was hired for the pandemic will still be funded by the grants. Mike Bolen ask the board for suggestions on things that can be done in their opinion to improve public health in our county as he is open to new suggestions. He has several ideas in mind, however, is unsure how to go about them.

Mike Bolen would like to thank the Wellsburg Fire Department for allowing clinics to be conducted there, Brooke County EMA director Andy Nickerson and his staff for the help, all the wonderful Volunteers that took time out of their day to help with clinics. The county was successful in administering vaccines and could not have done it without the hard work of ALL. The health department is still conducting Covid Testing every Tuesday in Weirton and in Wellsburg.

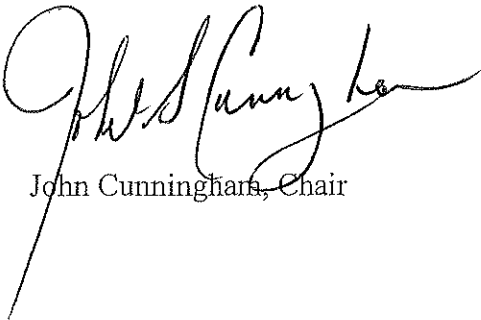
Executive session started: 8:00 pm

Discussion of raise for one employee, Joe Ierise motion to approve all in favor.

Executive session ended 8:05pm

Mary Blum motion to adjourn at 8:06, Carrie Estrada second.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Cunningham". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. A long, thin vertical line extends downwards from the bottom of the signature, crossing the printed name below.

John Cunningham, Chair