

## BROOKE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

Monday January 23, 2023 7:00pm  
Brooke County Courthouse

Present: John Cunningham, Joe Ierise, Mary Blum, Jennifer Cross, Carrie Estrada, Michael Bolen.

John Cunningham called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

Members present reviewed November 14th, 2022, meeting minutes. Motion made by Mary Blum to approve minutes. Second by Jennifer Cross. All in favor.

Correspondence: No correspondence.

Public Comment: No public comment.

New Business:

Mike discussed the possibility of purchasing a new vehicle for the health department soon due to one vehicle getting older. New vehicle will probably run in the range of 30-35 thousand dollars as there are no state bids on vehicles at this time. Going to try and wait unless a good deal is found. No objections from the board to purchase vehicle in the future.

Mike discussed the option to bring the needle exchange program back to Brooke County if the board felt it was necessary. Mike advised that the health department felt it was possible to gain the required program certification if wanted. Discussion on how many individuals took advantage of needle exchange even though it was hosted at multiple locations. At this time the board remains neutral on the program with no interest on returning to a needle exchange program at this moment.

The increase in fees schedule was presented to the board. 64CSR30 that was adopted on April 15, 2020 allowed local health to raise fees for service. Since that time, Brooke Board of Health has not implemented the maximum fees for service. Mike asked the board to consider voting at the next meeting on increasing the fees for service to keep in line with all of the other health departments in the Northern Panhandle, especially bordering Ohio and Hancock County. The board was provided with a schedule of current fees and what the increased fees would be.

Old business: Properties for health department referred to administrators report.

## Administrators Report:

National and local health alerts and trends were updated to the board.

Mike discussed the infrastructure grant that will begin July 1st, 2023. The department just received some guidance on it however no amount of what the grant will be has been provided yet.

The state is providing one AED for mobile clinics and Mike applied for an AED through a state grant to have one in house at the health department.

Mike provided photos of different potential properties that may be suitable for a new health department to be located. The first two properties were in the area of the old Fonce store and the current Fonce store. There will be a waiting period before we know if these are available. The third property was the old pizza hut that Mike discovered was under contract to be sold. The fourth property that was discussed was behind the old colony center, which may be offered by the commission for free, but is completely in the flood zone. Discussion on how and what type of building may be developed occurred.

Motion to adjourn by Carrie Estrada, 2nd by Jennifer Cross. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Cunningham, President". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

John Cunningham, President