

**Coshocton County Board of Health  
Minutes  
July 16, 2020**

The Board of Health for the Coshocton County General Health District met in regular session on Thursday, July 16, 2020 in the Coshocton County Services Building. Board members present were Scott Limburg, President; Jeff Poland DVM; Robert Gwinn MD; and Linda Weber via telephone. Also attending were staff members Steve Lonsinger, Health Commissioner; Zach Fanning; and Wendy Wilson.

**Roll Call** - Mr. Limburg called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Don Wells was not present having not yet been reinstated by the District Advisory Council.

**Minutes** – Dr. Poland moved and Ms. Weber seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2020 regular board meeting. – Roll call was unanimous – motion carried.

**Car Seat Project** – Dr. Gwinn moved and Dr. Poland seconded a motion to give permission to seek funding and/or sponsors for the Ohio Buckles Buckeyes car seat program. The program entails a three day class at Stark County and fourth day for car seat check. Cost of the class is \$200.00. – Roll call was unanimous – motion carried.

Don Wells was seated as a non-voting member

**Current Expenses** – Dr. Poland moved and Ms. Weber seconded a motion to approve Resolution 2020-17, paying current expenses. – Roll call was unanimous – motion carried. Amounts approved were:

019-0100	Maternal and Child Health	2,226.53
020-0100	District Health	5,046.25
020-0300	Coronavirus Response Grant	5,034.58
020-0400	Contact Tracing Grant	5,806.95
021-0100	Swimming Pools	320.00
022-0100	WIC	2,705.10
024-0100	Private Water	1,840.64
026-0100	Campgrounds	1,540.00
028-0100	Food Service & Retail Food Establishments	98.00
130-0100	Solid Waste – CFLP Grant	57.86
131-0100	Household Sewage Treatment Systems	1,694.00
132-0100	Public Health Emergency Preparedness	3,205.00
	Total	29,574.91

**Detailed Trial Balance** – Dr. Gwinn moved and Dr. Poland seconded a motion to accept the Detailed Trial Balance for the month ended June 30, 2020. – Roll call was unanimous – motion carried.

**Environmental** – Mr. Fanning reported that he had received a request to transfer the AEP Residual Waste Landfill license to the new owner, Conesville Industrial Park LLC.

**Public Health Nursing** – Mr. Lonsinger reported the nursing staff is very busy with Covid 19. The state is pulling the two contact tracers that we have been using from the state pool, but is providing us with additional funding to hire. He hopes to return to the board in August with hiring recommendations.

**WIC** – Nothing to report

**PHEP** – Dr. Gwinn moved and Dr. Poland seconded a motion to renew the Epidemiology (EPI) contract with Noble County. The contract will be in effect from July 01, 2020 thru June 30, 2021 for an amount not to exceed \$8,980.00. – Roll call was unanimous – motion carried.

**Health Commissioner’s Report**

Mr. Lonsinger reported there was a large outbreak of Covid 19 at Signature Healthcare. Of the 82 confirmed staff and resident cases, 76 are Coshocton County residents. Of the forty-nine residents, forty-five have tested positive. The remaining four have been isolated on separate wing.

The state has developed a scale of Covid risk levels for the county. Those are, Level 1, active exposure and spread; Level 2, increased exposure and spread; Level 3, very high exposure and spread; Level 4, severe exposure and spread. Those counties at Levels 3 and 4 have mandatory mask-wearing requirements. Coshocton County is currently at Level 2.

A recent editorial in the *Beacon* suggested that Ohio “Be like Sweden” and allow the virus to take its course with resultant “herd immunity.” Dr. Gwinn suggested that with a population the size of Coshocton County, we would need a 50% infection rate to attain herd immunity. Of that 50%, 1% of the cases would be fatal. The resultant deaths of 500 Coshocton County residents would be completely unacceptable. He will undertake to pen a rebuttal for submission to the *Beacon*.

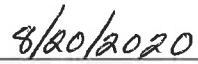
The Ohio National Guard has been dispersed to nursing homes around the state for staff testing. Both Altercare and Lafayette Point nursing facilities have had their staff tested this week.

**Accreditation** – Deadline extended – Nothing to report

**Committee to Combine** – Nothing to report

**Adjournment** – Dr. Poland moved and Dr. Gwinn seconded a motion to adjourn. – Roll call was unanimous – motion carried. The time was 6:24 pm

  
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Scott Limburg, Board President

  
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Steve Lonsinger, Health Commissioner

  
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