



Fairfield County Health Department

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Health Commissioner

BOARD OF HEALTH RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Fairfield County Health Department
Minutes of the Board of Health
August 13, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

MEETING LOCATION: Fairfield County Health Department (FCHD), 1550 Sheridan Dr., Ste. 100, Lancaster

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Michele Morrone at 4:00 p.m.

Board Members Present

Brian Oliver
Dr. Michele Morrone
Tina Childers
Tina Anderson

Board Members Absent

Dr. Allen Shaw

STAFF PRESENT

Joe Ebel, Health Commissioner; Rachel Moresea, Environmental Health Director; Mary Smith, WIC Director; Baylie Blevins, Health Promotion and Planning Director; Jamie Ehorn, Administrative Services Director; Gale Neville, Nursing Director; Dr. Steven Kapetansky, Medical Director;

OTHERS PRESENT

William Hoy
Brenda Hoy
Jevin Williams
Shannon Jones

A quorum was established. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jevin Williams addressed the board regarding a sewage nuisance complaint affecting his property located at 1698 Pleasantview Drive. Mr. Williams is open to suggestions for a remedy. He doesn't want the neighbor's sewage in his yard. He provided pictures and support to the

board. Fairfield County Health Department (FCHD) will research information provided and get back to Mr. Williams. Mr. Williams would like to be included in conversations regarding this issue.

Shannon Jones addressed the board regarding her property located at 2985 Savage Hill Rd. Mrs. Jones and her fiancé scrap to supplement their income. FCHD was contacted regarding a solid waste nuisance on her property. Mrs. Jones is looking for recommendations on how to get her property cleaned up.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The meeting minutes from the board meeting on July 9, 2025, were presented for approval. Brian Oliver made a motion to approve the minutes, Tina Childers seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

HEARINGS & VARIANCES

The proposed environmental fee schedule was sent out to food operators via email and regular mail last month. There was no one in attendance today regarding the 2nd reading of the proposed Environmental Health Fee Schedule.

Rachel Moresea, Environmental Health Director, presented a variance for 284 Blue Valley Rd. SE, Lancaster, for distance requirements for a private water system per OAC 3701-28-07 (G).

Brian Oliver made a motion to approve the variance for 284 Blue Valley Rd. SE, Lancaster. Tina Childers seconded the motion. There were three ayes, and one abstention (Tina Childers). Motion passed.

DIVISION REPORTS

Environmental Health Report

Mrs. Moresea provided a written report to the Board. The exit interview for the sewage audit was completed today. We were approved with an action plan. There was discussion regarding the list of new food facilities in Fairfield County.

Nursing Report

Gale Neville, Nursing Director, provided a written report to the Board. Lime disease and foodborne illnesses are on the rise. We are considering using a couple interns to work with our Epidemiologist/Communicable Disease Specialist and our Community Health Worker.

WIC Report

Mary Smith, WIC Director, provided a written report to the Board. Paige Betsil passed her Certified Lactation Specialist training. Pickerington clinic has been very busy.

Planning and Promotion Report

Baylie Blevins, Health Promotion Director, provided a written report to the Board. We have given out 46 convertible car seats between May and July of this year. It has been nice to have extra grants to support and provide car seats for this program. The Leave behind program with Lancaster Fire launched 8/4. We have received over 700 respondents for the Community Health Assessment survey. Mrs. Blevins and Riley Ernst helped with the Red Cross shelter during the recent flooding. The shelter was open for 3 days.

Health Commissioner's Report

Joe Ebel, Health Commissioner, provided a written report to the Board. Mr. Ebel is requesting approval to build a garage at the back of the property. County Commissioners gave their approval for the garage. Vital statistics launched a new birth record issuance system on August 7th. They are still working through glitches. Mr. Ebel received another letter from Mr. Mauger regarding his stance on Covid-19.

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND BILLS

Jamie Ehorn, Administrative Services Director provided financial reports and a bill list to the Board for approval. We are 58% of the way through the year and we have received 70% of the budgeted revenue and spent 49% of budgeted expenses.

Brian Oliver made a motion to approve the financial report and bill list. Tina Childers seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Ehorn presented two resolutions 2025-08 and 2025-09, both appropriating unappropriated monies for various accounts.

Tina Childers made a motion to approve resolutions 2025-08 and 2025-09. Brian Oliver seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Ebel asked for approval to build a garage at the back of the property. Three bids were received, and Eversole Builders was chosen as the contractor. The building would be a 30' x 44' pole building behind our offices, which would store supplies and eliminate the use of storage units. It will have a dedicated bay for mosquito supplies; it would store the mosquito sprayer and have insulated storage for chemicals. FCHD will cover all expenses. The bid for the building is \$45,566 and that does not include electrical work and wiring for lights. The board suggested putting a badge reader on the door for employee access.

Tina Childers made a motion to approve building a garage using Eversole Builders. Brian Oliver seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL:

Landon Spangler, Community Health Worker, has reached the end of her probation period.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR COMMENTS:

N/A

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESS:

Discussion regarding board member Dr. Shaw. Mr. Ebel will reach out to see if he wants to continue serving on the board.

Discussion regarding the sewage nuisance complaint affecting the property located at 1698 Pleasantview Dr. and next steps. Mr. Ebel suggested an annual inspection of the aerator system causing the issues. FCHD will contact the owner of this property. Dr. Morrone will send Mr. Williams an email stating that we will get back to him once we have researched the issue further.

Discussion regarding solid waste nuisance at 2985 Savage Hill Rd. and next steps. The next step would be to provide Ms. Good with resources to help clean up her property.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: September 10, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Fairfield County Health Department, 1550 Sheridan Drive, Ste. 100, Lancaster

ADJOURN The Board of Health Meeting adjourned on a motion by Tina Childers. Tina Anderson seconded the motion at 5:45 p.m. Motion passed.

Approved:

Signature and date on file _____ Date: _____ Dr. Michele Morrone, Board President

Signature and date on file _____ Date: _____ R. Joseph Ebel, Health Commissioner