

Health board approves finalized 2008 budget

Failure of levy will not affect next year's finances

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The Logan County District Board of Health unanimously approved the agency's finalized 2008 budget at a regular meeting Wednesday afternoon.

The 2008 budget will not be affected by Tuesday's failure of the 1.25-mill operating levy, which was to start collecting funds in 2009, said Commissioner Dr. Boyd Hoddinott. The preliminary 2009 budget will be determined in April.

The 2008 budget predicts total expenditures of approximately \$2.54 million and total revenues of approximately \$2.25 million. The total expenditures and revenues will be balanced through the health district's cash reserves, said Lisa Downing, health district administrator.

Craig Kauffman, director of environmental health, presented the board with new legislation, Regulation 46, and amendments to Regulation 40, both of which passed on their first of three required readings.

Regulation 46 would incorporate commercial plumbing into the health district's permitting and fee structure.

This regulation would benefit local developers and commercial plumbers, Mr. Kauffman said.

"This would allow builders less time to wait for inspection and less time to delay construction."

The proposed commercial fees are equal to current state fees.

Regulation 40 amendments include the following proposed fee increases: food vending license from \$16.18 to \$16.58; mobile food license from \$32 to \$42; private water system permit, single family dwelling, from \$75 to \$100; and private water system permit, other than single family dwelling, from \$90 to \$120.

A public hearing on Regulation 40 amendments will be conducted at the board's next meeting, 1 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 5, at the health district, 310 S. Main St.

In other action, the board:

- confirmed the hiring of James Berger, emergency planning assistant, and Larry Brunke, lab technician, whose salaries will be paid for through grant funds;
- approved annual evaluations for Matt Stonerock, environmental health division, and Helen Brubaker, receptionist;
- approved the probationary evaluation of Jennifer Wren, home health supervisor, and approved her as a permanent hire;
- approved \$3,170 in tuition reimbursement for Mr. Stonerock;
- issued an order to Teresa Councill, address unknown, or any interested parties to appear before the board at the next meeting to show cause why the board should not furnish labor and materials necessary to abate the solid waste on Ms. Councill's property at 7072 Hancock Drive, Russells Point;
- ordered Deanna Elliott, 5278 N. State Route 292, West Mansfield, to cease open burning immediately and remove solid waste within seven days; Gary Douglas, 6969 County Road 21, Ridgeway, to cease open burning immediately and to remove all solid waste, repair soffit and windows within 14 days; and Doug Beale, 8979 County Road 5, Rushsylvania, to clean up solid waste within 30 days; and
- approved well variance requests from Jeff Flannery, Country Auto, 4070 Township Road 100, Huntsville; Kristopher Myers, 2271 County Road 18; Chad Bear, 10844 Township Road 84, Lakeview; Rick Hughes of Ada, for property at 13879 Public Drive, Lakeview; and Margaret Haemmerle, 10930 County Road 286, Huntsville.