

Health board votes to cut overtime pay

Move will impact fall mass vaccination clinic

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The Logan County District Board of Health voted unanimously at its regular meeting Wednesday afternoon to reduce drastically the amount of overtime compensation available to agency employees.

The move was made in the wake of potential budget cuts that loom in 2009 if an operating levy is not passed this year.

The health district will place a 10-year, 1-mill replacement levy before voters in March.

The board quite rightly instructed us (the health district) in December that we need to take action right away to prepare for even greater budget cuts down the road, said Dr. Boyd Hoddinott, health commissioner.

As a result of a reduction in overtime hours for agency employees, the district's mass vaccination clinic, typically conducted in the fall, has been canceled this year.

It is very unfortunate that we have to cancel the clinic, as it has been very successful the past several

years and it helps us to prepare for an actual pandemic flu, Dr. Hoddinott said.

However, it involves overtime pay for many of our staff members because it is held on a Saturday.

Dr. Hoddinott said the board had to make a decision about the fall clinic in January because the vaccines are typically purchased in February.

The board approved the 2008 appropriations resolution, which puts into effect the 2008 budget previously approved in October with projected appropriations of \$2.536 million.

The board voted for the emergency passage of a regulation to bring commercial plumbing permits to the local level effective Feb. 1.

The board also approved the increase of food vending permits to \$16.18, food mobile permits to \$42, private water system permits for single family and non-single family dwellings to \$100 and \$120, respectively, effective Feb. 1.

In other action, the board:

- . accepted the resignation of Brenda Leonard, public health nurse;
 - . confirmed the hiring of Kelli Tevis, home health billing clerk;
 - . approved annual evaluations for Phyllis Lyons and Linda Kite;
 - . approved an hours increase for Lesley Rowan, IT manager;
 - . accepted a \$5,000 grant from the National Association of County and City Health Officials;
 - . accepted the village of Russells Point's offer to abate the nuisance at the Lloyd Harden estate, 419 Westview St., Russells Point, which has shifting walls and a sagging roof; and
 - . ordered Sandra Harsh, 7330 County Road 50, Ridgeway, to immediately cease open burning, remove all solid waste within 14 days and to cease sewage discharge on the property within 60 days.
- The next meeting is 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6, at the district office, 310 S. Main St.

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