

**Calhoun County Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 18, 2005**

ATTENDANCE

<p>Board of Health Larry Anderson Jean Cook-Hughes Ben Miller Jeff Mitchell Ken Ponds</p>	<p>Health Department Ginger Hentz William Burton Kathy Ferguson Ted Havens Bob Overly Brigette Reichenbaugh Margaret Wood</p>
<p>Calhoun County Greg Purcell Nancy Mullet</p>	<p>Public Ron Hattis</p>

Meeting began 8:05 a.m. Agenda Approved. Jean moved. Jeff Seconded. Agenda amended to move resolution 30-05 to the finance section.

Consent Agenda

Appeal. Ron Hattis, retired Battle Creek police officer and retired Harper Creek bus driver owns 25 acres in Athens. Built a small cabin on this property, however, the well is not adequate per the Environmental Health (EH) code. The code calls for five gallons of water pumped per minute. His current well pumps 2 – 3 gallons per minute. EH has denied his request due to the quantity of water produced. Dr. Mitchell asked what the average water production of wells in Calhoun County (CC) is. Ted stated that there are areas in CC that are low water producing wells. Mr. Hattis’ residence is in one of those areas. All of Athens and Burlington are considered low water areas. Nancy Mullett stated that the Health Department can grant a variance in any appeal as long as it does not interfere with any public interest, unreasonable hardship, or violate any health hazard. Ted indicated that the denial does not present a health hazard. Ken stated that it appears that the main issue is transfer of property. As long as we put a disclaimer on the deed due to transfer of property stated that once the property is transferred, sold, etc. Ben motioned that contingent upon the requirements laid out by Nancy Mullett, Ted will issue an approved well permit. On the approval, the specific requirements will be noted, and Mr. Haddis will sign). Nancy will file with the Clerk. Jean seconded. All in favor.

Ken approved the consent agenda less Resolution 27-2005.

Finance Officer's Report

Kathy summarized the June financial statements. Resolution 27-05 is in conjunction with Resolution 30-05. Kathy summarized the Nursing Clinic of Battle Creek Substance Abuse Mental Health grant. The federal grant budget year is November 1 – October 31. October 1 is the absolute latest date to begin services at the NCBC. We will use some extra space at the Haven until we have adequate space for the additional staff and clientele. Brad Wilcox suggested that we receive estimates for expansion of the NCBC, however, there is no formal bid process in place. Phase I is remodeling the current clinic. Phase II would be an addition. Motion for approval of Resolutions 27 and 30. Jean moved. Ben supported. All in favor. Motion for approval of resolution 30. Jeff moved. Ken supported.

Presentation of Draft Budget.

Kathy assumed that all funding would remain the same. Refer to assumptions presented by Health Department Finance. Budget meeting to be held Friday, July 22, 2005 at 10:30 a.m.

Dr. Mitchell indicated that although we will bill approximately \$1,000 per month, we should not expect to receive \$1,000 received per month. Greg stated that funding is very tight at this time. Surrounding counties including Kalamazoo, Van Buren, etc. have reduced services, offered early retirements, etc. Calhoun County is now considered a renaissance zone (tax-free zone), therefore resulting in a decrease in tax dollars.

Board Education and Discussion:

Larry asked for a joint resolution to give authority to provide Heidi with a plaque. Jeff moved. Jean supported. All in favor.

Health Officer Selection Committee Update: Sixteen resumes were received, however, a number of them did not meet minimum requirements due to state law. Out of the 16, nine will be reviewed by the search committee.

Motion for adjournment. Jeff supported. All in favor.

Add as agenda item to next meeting the EH fee increase.

Jeff asked if we can also discuss HD overhead that includes administrative overhead at the next meeting. Greg will provide copies for the Friday budget meeting but it will be discussed at the next meeting.

BR to look at minutes in January/February meeting regarding EH fee increase.