

# AGENDA

## Effingham County Board of Health

### Effingham Health System Education Building (across from Veteran's Park)

Wednesday, February 27, 2019  
12:00 p.m.

Call to Order	Gussie Nease
Approval of Minutes of November 28, 2018	Gussie Nease
District Health Director's Report	Dr. Lawton Davis
Financial Update	Brent Jordan
Clinical Services Report	Cindy Grovenstein
Environmental Health Report Variance Request – BGN Investments, LLC	Darrell O'Neal
New Business Report of Nominating Committee Election of Officers Future Meeting Dates	Gussie Nease
Executive Session (if necessary)	
Adjournment	

**Next meeting dates:**

May 29, 2019

August 28, 2019

November 27, 2019

## Effingham County Board of Health Minutes

November 28, 2018

### Board Members Present

Gussie Nease  
Dr. Jack Heniesen  
Ken Lee  
Barbara Scott  
Wesley Corbitt

### Others Present

Dr. Lawton Davis  
Brent Jordan  
Betty Dixon  
Darrell O'Neal  
Cindy Grovenstein  
Crystal Blockett  
Tiffany Jackson  
Alena Aviles

### Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gussie Nease.

### Approval of Minutes

Mr. Ken Lee made the motion to approve the minutes from the August 29, 2018 meeting with a correction under financials, adding \$961 million to line 2 on the first paragraph. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jack Heniesen.

### District Health Director's Report

Dr. Davis shared that we have a new Governor-elect and that the DPH Commissioner position is an appointed one. There has been no word on whether Dr. Patrick O'Neal will remain as the DPH Commissioner. There are currently no new initiatives from the State.

Dr. Davis provided information on Acute Flaccid Myelitis (AFM) a rare but serious condition affecting the nervous system, specifically the spinal cord, causing weakness in one or more limbs. This condition is like Polio and Guillain Barre Syndrome. The cause is unknown and cannot be prevented. There has been an increase in reports of the condition in the U.S. since 2014.

Dr. Davis reported that influenza activity has been sporadic so far this season. Mr. Wesley Corbitt presented a question regarding influenza vaccine availability. Dr. Betty Dixon responded that there have been no reports of difficulty obtaining the vaccine. Influenza can peak early. During the 2017-2018 season, influenza peaks were noted between weeks three and four and seven through eight.

Chairman Gussie Nease asked if there was available data on the number of children in Effingham county with cancer diagnoses, particularly brain cancer. Dr. Davis added that he would research the data and report back at the next Board meeting. Mr. Corbitt commented on the possibility of increased awareness due to social media.

## Financial Update

Mr. Brent Jordan shared with the Board that state revenues continue to experience favorable increases. October 2018 is 17.7% or \$303 million over October 2017. Year-to-date at October 2018 is 8.8% or \$632 million over the four months ending October 2017.

Mr. Jordan provided each Board member with a copy of the completed FY 2018 annual financial audit. He stated as of June 30, 2018 the financial position of Effingham BOH is financially secure and this trend continues into FY 2019.

Mr. Jordan then discussed required disclosure information and required supplementary information for Governmental Accounting Board (GASB) 68 and 75. This is a liability of the State for future pension payments for retired employees and for term life and health insurance premiums paid on behalf of retired employees.

Mr. Corbitt asked for clarification of these long-term liabilities. Mr. Jordan shared this was for disclosure information only and is a liability of the State. Mr. Corbitt also asked about the current \$1.3 million in unreserved fund balance. Dr. Davis shared that we are required to have five or six months of operating costs in reserves. Mr. Jordan explained, during the times of disaster, if we are unable to operate, this reserve enables employees to continue to receive their salaries.

Mrs. Nease commented it was important to get the building up to PAR.

Mr. Corbitt asked if the reserves could be capped at a certain dollar amount. Mr. Jordan stated he would research this option and provide a report at the next meeting.

## Clinical Services Report

Cindy Grovenstein presented the nursing and clinical services report. She shared that the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) numbers continue staggering throughout the quarter. The health department staff and nursing students from Ogeechee Technical College and Georgia Southern University vaccinated 1,940 students and 252 faculty and staff in the school system.

Cindy included a snapshot of the nursing and clinical services over the last 3 years as requested by Mr. Corbitt. The service numbers indicate a 2% increase in patients between 2016 and 2017 and a 2% decrease between 2017 and 2018.

## Environmental Health Report

Mr. Darrell O'Neal presented the Environmental report. Barbara Scott asked about the report of a parrot in a local restaurant and Chairman Gussie Nease asked for clarification regarding the Exchange Club fair.

Mr. O'Neal deferred the issue of the parrot in the restaurant to Alena Aviles. Mrs. Aviles explained that she has educated restaurant managers on multiple occasions regarding service animals. There is a difference between service animals and emotional support animals. Emotional support animals are not allowed. There is an increasing trend of people going online and purchasing service animal vests and cards. Service animals should have American with Disabilities Act (ADA) approved vests. There are two questions that may be asked by a restaurant manager or employee: 1.-What is the service animal trained to do? 2.- Is this an emotional support animal or an ADA animal? The





Effingham County Health Department  
Nursing and Clinical Services Report -  
FY 07/01/2018 - 06/30/2019

Type of Service	Jul	Aug	Sept	1st Qtr	Oct	Nov	Dec	2nd Qtr	Jan	Feb	Mar	3rd Qtr	April	May	June	4th Qtr	Annual
Child Health ASQ	183	134	43	360	19	22	28	69	51	0	0	51	0	0	0	0	379
Monitoring Children 1st Immunizations-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clinic	295	145	160	600	202	132	89	423	110	0	0	110	0	0	0	0	802
Immunizations-School Based	0	0	0	0	1940	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Immunizations-Apples for Teachers	0	0	0	0	0	253	0	253	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	253
Perinatal Case Management	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Sexually Transmitted Diseases	19	16	19	54	12	8	13	33	10	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	66
Family Planning	54	35	37	126	40	40	35	115	45	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	166
Pregnancy Tests	10	12	10	32	24	11	9	44	22	0	0	22	0	0	0	0	56
BCCP/Cancer	2	3	1	6	7	5	2	14	6	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	13
Tuberculosis	2	4	2	8	2	2	0	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	10
PPD testing	22	29	14	65	13	12	20	45	15	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	78
Adult Health	6	2	0	8	5	1	2	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
WIC	1152	1202	1178	3532	1143	1063	1098	3304	1077	0	0	1077	0	0	0	0	4675
Totals	1747	1582	1464	4793	3407	1549	1296	6252	1337	0	0	1337	0	0	0	0	8200

**Outreach and other activities:**

Date: 10/24/2018-Presentation for Senior Citizens Center  
10/17/2018-Two Rivers Board meeting  
12/18/2018-Two Rivers Board meeting

**Georgia Department of Public Health  
Environmental Health Section, Land Use Unit  
2 Peachtree Street, NW. 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-3186  
404-657-6534**

**Date:** 1/4/2019

**1. Petitioner**

Name: BGN Investments, LLC

Address: P.O. Box 530  
Rincon, GA 31326

Property location: Little McCall Road, approximately 1.1 miles  
North West of McCall Road. Map 392, Parcel 02

Phone number: (912) 754-3439

Contact Person: Wilson Burns

Attorney or person representing petitioner: Toss Allen

**2. Rule(s) from which a variance or waiver is requested.**

Section M of the Manual for On-Site Sewage Management Systems -  
Lot Sizing. Minimum Lot size and width for a Non-public water system.

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**3. Type of action requested.**

a. variance X

b. waiver \_\_\_\_\_

**4. List the specific facts of substantial hardship, which would justify a variance or waiver for petitioner.**

The project site is located within the red zone of Sub-Region 1 as defined by the Coastal Georgia Water & Wastewater Permitting Plan for Managing Salt Water Intrusion. Therefore, an individual without an existing groundwater withdraw allocation can't obtain a permit for a "Public" water system.

The nearest municipal water system is located approximately 3.5 miles from the project location. There is a privately owned "Public" water system located approximately 0.35 miles from the project location but negotiations with the utility owner have not been successful.

**5. Detail the alternative standards petitioner agrees to meet.**

The petitioner would like to construct two "Private" water systems to service the proposed lots. Both "Private" water systems will be constructed in accordance with the provision contained in Sections 5.3.0 and 8.3.4 of the Minimum Standards for Public Water Systems. Once constructed, the wells will be offered to the nearest municipal water system owner for operation and maintenance. If the nearest municipal water system owner chooses not to operate the systems, a private utility owner will be chosen to provide ongoing operations and maintenance of the systems.



**6. List the reasons that such alternative standards would afford adequate protection for the public health, safety, and welfare.**

If the proposed water systems are constructed to the standards contained in the Minimum Standards for Public Water Systems and operated by a licensed Water Operator there should not be a difference between a "Public" water system and the proposed "Private" water system as they relate to required lot sizing. Therefore, meeting the minimum lot sizing criteria established for "Public" water systems will provide adequate protection for the public health, safety and welfare.

**7. List the reasons the variance or waiver requested would serve the purpose of the underlying statute upon which the Rule is based.**

If the proposed water systems are constructed to the standards contained in the Minimum Standards for Public Water Systems and operated by a licensed Water Operator there should not be a difference between a "Public" water system and the proposed "Private" water system as they relate to required lot sizing. Therefore, underlying statute upon which the Rule is based is satisfied.

**8. Duration of the variance or waiver.**

Permanently.