The Brown County Board of Health met in regular session on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 via teleconference with the following members present Mark Klump, Ralph Jennings, Dr. Mike McHenry, and Brian Garrett. Also attending was Health Commissioner, Kyle Arn, Administrative Assistant, Sara Partin, Environmental Director Stephen Dick, and Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Margery Paeltz. Board President Ralph Jennings called the meeting to order at 8:00am.

Approval of Board minutes
Mr. Jennings asked if there were any questions or corrections to the minutes for April 8, 2020 provided to the Board. A motion was made by Mr. Klump to approve the Board of Health meeting minutes. Mr. Garrett seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Jennings voted aye, Dr. McHenry voted aye, Mr. Klump voted aye, and Mr. Garrett voted aye. A motion was made by Mr. Klump to the approve the April 17, 2020 Emergency Special Board Meeting. Mr. Garrett seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Jennings voted aye, Mr. Klump voted aye, and Mr. Garrett voted aye. Dr. McHenry abstained from the vote since he was not present at the Special Meeting.

Approval of Bills and Mileage
Mr. Jennings asked if there were any unusual bills for the month. Ms. Partin and Mr. Arn went over the bills. Miss Partin explained the bill for the new generator and the fact that half was being paid for through grant money. Miss Partin also explained why the Verizon bill was higher than normal. She stated it was because that the staff were using the conference call line for COVID-19 related calls.

Environmental Division:
Mr. Dick gave an update on 14522 Upper Cumberland Rd, owned by Gil Jester. Mr. Dick went over the nuisance and explained that it is owned by Gil Jester but rented out to someone who did not have trash service for almost a year. They have got half the property cleaned up. They still have another full 30-yard dumpster to go. They have not done any clean up the last month. They brought more cars in. The Sheriff’s Office is dealing with the car issue. Mr. Dick spoke with them yesterday and probably the best thing to do would be to give to the Prosecutor and still give some time to clean up. Mr. Jennings pointed out to the board members that Mr. Arn had sent pictures in the email to them. Mr. Jennings asked what Mr. Arn’s opinion was about sending to the Prosecutor. Mr. Arn recommended sending the case to the Prosecutor’s Office. He stated that if the tenants make an effort then we don’t have to take it any further. Mr. Jennings asked Mr. Dick if we are involved with Gil Jester on another property. Mr. Dick said yes on two other properties at least. One on Tri-County Highway and one on Bardwell West. A motion was made by Mr. Klump to send this case to the Prosecutor’s Office. Dr. McHenry seconded the motion. All members voted aye.

Mr. Garrett doesn’t know if another property in court for this owner will help. Mr. Arn said the Prosecutor’s Office was going to try and group them together. Mr. Garrett would like to see one or two go through the process before we keep piling them up on him. Mr. Arn said the Health Department have been sending violations since January. Mr. Garrett would like to see the first and second resolved before the third one is acted on. Mr. Arn said they can send it to the Prosecutor and then let the first two be resolved before the Prosecutor’s Office acts on the third one. That would give them a little more time to clean it up. Mr. Jennings said that we can always dismiss at any time. Mr. Jennings said a motion and second were made. Roll call vote: Mr. Jennings voted aye, Dr. McHenry voted aye, Mr. Klump voted aye, Mr. Garrett voted aye. Motion passed.

Nursing Division:
Mrs. Williams gave a COVID-19 update for Brown County. Currently there are 20 confirmed cases, 6 probable cases, 17 recovered, 9 quarantined at home, 0 pending, and 0 hospitalized. The youngest patient is a 5-month-old baby and the oldest is 86 years old. There are 8 females and 18 males. Here in the office we are currently monitoring temperatures, practicing social distancing and wearing masks. We have moved Cheryl to the waiting area to help with social distancing in the nurse’s office. We are still doing services by appointment. Immunizations are currently down, but she looks for it to pick up once things start opening up due to kids needing vaccines. We have been receiving some ODH test kits, 50 at a time. Today will be our 5th delivery. We still currently have about 200 test kits. Mrs. Williams stated that she has reached out to providers, nursing homes, and anyone in the county that would like test kits to make sure we are getting Brown County residents tested. She stated that we are waiting for a response from Dr. Binning at Health Source in Georgetown if they are interested in the kits. They are opening up to do some
COVID-19 testing now in a tent in their parking lot. Mrs. Williams just doesn’t want these test kits sitting here when they can be utilized to test Brown County residents. Mrs. Williams did get an email yesterday that the next St. Elizabeth Mammogram Van will be here Friday, June 19th, from 8:00am to 3:30pm. She said they would have to work out social distancing and taking temperatures.

Dr. McHenry asked if Health Source test is only for their patients or for anyone in the community? Mrs. Williams said it is only for Health Source patients. Dr. McHenry asked if our office tested someone how does the test get back to ODH? Was it through the Health Department? Mrs. Williams explained the test process; we can give them to anyone, it is a nasal swab. Mercury Courier service is set up through the state. A provider still must get approval from ODH to use the test. Once approved Mercury services will come pick it up and take it to the ODH Lab in Reynoldsburg, Ohio.

Dr. McHenry asked if the Health Department has any plans to do testing at the Health Department? Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Wright talked with Dr. Williams on Monday regarding that. Mrs. Williams thinks there is a need and both Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Wright are fine with doing it. Dr. Williams gave his approval to do it. Mrs. Williams said her fear is if we start it and then for some reason ODH stops giving us the tests that could be a problem. Mrs. Williams has been looking at how the prescreening process would look like and how we could make testing here work. Mrs. Williams is hoping Health Source will be able to open their testing to test more than just Health Source patients. They have already got a lot of things in place so it would be easier to do testing through them. If they cannot utilize the tests, then we will look into how we can do it at the Health Department.

Dr. McHenry said that currently the Mercy patients must go down to Anderson Mercy for a test site. Dr. McHenry said it would be nice to have availability for testing in Brown County. Mr. Garrett asked if we can be there with Health Source and test the non-Health Source patients while they only test their own patients? Mrs. Williams said they asked Dr. Binning that as well and the doctor is checking with Health Source to see if that would be allowed. Mr. Garrett said that way can use one site but partner with testing. Mrs. Williams said that we offered to provide our own PPE.

**Emergency Preparedness / Accreditation:**

Mrs. Paetzl updated the Board about PPE supplies. She stated that we are receiving more PPE today and on Friday. One shipment we will be able to use for the public. We had the county Superintendent’s office contact us, and they would like to get face masks and face shields for their office because they will be back in the office next week. We are anticipating getting requests for supplies from dentist offices, doctor offices, etc. as businesses are opening back up. We have a high demand for surgical gowns. Mrs. Paetzl has a lot of masks that she is going to be putting elastic on, they are the N95 duck bill masks and the old elastic has rotted. Mrs. Paetzl said we will be sewing them on ourselves. Mrs. Paetzl said we have not heard anything about Accreditation. We believe that has been put on the back burner due to COVID-19. We have also been getting requests from our elderly population. They are having a hard time finding masks. Mrs. Paetzl said we are also giving the county offices what they need as long as we have the supplies.

Mr. Jennings asked when daycares will be opening? Mr. Arn said he is on a work group for opening up gyms. Mrs. Paetzl said the governor indicated he would be speaking about daycares tomorrow. Mr. Arn said the workgroup he is on for gyms is suppose to have the recommendations to the governor by Thursday.

**Administrative:**

Mr. Arn said we are still getting swamped with calls. Mr. Arn wanted to give the board a heads up, the raceway in Adams County was allowed by a judge ruling to open. Mr. Arn said that we have consulted with our Prosecutor’s Office about raceways in what they can and can’t do. In their opinion the owners of the race track can go out and do what they want in regard to maintenance and having their own vehicle on the track, but they can’t have anyone else there running cars on the track. Mr. Arn had received several calls yesterday from owners and drivers because Adams County judge ruled that they can race with limited people. The ruling has created an issue in our County. Mr. Arn has told the people calling that it is not orders we created, it is coming down from the State, and a raceway is considered a sporting event which are not allowed to open at this time. Since then on Facebook there have been posts about the Brown County Health Commissioner shutting Moler Raceway down. Hamilton County is looking into statewide to get more guidance from the State as to what raceways can and can’t do and can they be limited or are they not allowed to be open at all. Mr. Arn stated that people are getting restless, losing income, or don’t have income and are used to being able to do certain recreational activities. We get questions or complaints, and we look at the order, get legal opinions and when we say “you can’t” it gets a little difficult. Mr. Arn said we are putting out
Mr. Arn also said that he anticipated getting more phone calls as things open back up. Mr. Arn said he anticipates the next board meeting being by teleconference again and then hopefully for the July meeting we can all meet in person again. Mr. Jennings verified that Mr. O’Hara never joined the teleconference call. Mr. Jennings asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Garrett made a motion to adjourn. Dr. McHenry seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Jennings voted aye, Mr. Garrett voted aye, Dr. McHenry voted aye, and Mr. Klump voted aye. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 am.

Ralph Jennings, President

Mark Klump, Vice President

Brian Garrett, Member

Tim O’Hara, Member (DG)

Michael McHenry, MD, Member

Kyle D. Arn, MS, RS
Health Commissioner