

Meeting of the Geauga County District Board of Health

Sept. 3, 1946

A meeting of the Geauga County District Board of Health was held on Tuesday morning, September 3rd, at the home of the Health Commissioner.

Those present were Mr. Rhodes, Mrs. Riley and Mrs. Babcock. Also present were Miss Mika and Mr. Helling.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Miss Mika gave a brief report of her post-graduate work at Western Reserve University in June and July. She reported that at present she was the only county nurse and discussed the difficulty of carrying on any health program without sufficient personnel.

Mr. C. S. Helling, the county sanitary engineer, who began work in the county on August 19th, gave his first impressions of the many sanitary problems in Geauga County.

Dr. Corey reported that an open hearing on the budget had been held in the Court House on August , but that he had as yet had no report from the Budget Commission.

An application from Corey Hospital for a license as a Maternity Hospital was presented. It was moved by Mr. Rhodes and seconded by Mrs. Babcock that the Board approve this application. Carried. renewal of its

Dr. Corey announced that the annual Health Commissioners Convention was to be held in Columbus Sept 6-7, 1946 and that members of the staff were also urged to attend. Mr. Rhodes moved that the Board defray the expenses of the Health Commissioner and as many of his staff as can attend this convention. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Babcock and carried.

The Board then discussed the immediate problem facing the Department. Schools have opened throughout the county and all of them want and expect health services. The most pressing demand is for physical examinations of seniors taking the senior health course. Dr. Corey pointed out that these examinations should be given at the beginning of the course, but that it was an almost impossible task for one doctor and one nurse. After some discussion, Mr. Rhodes moved that the Board authorize Dr. Corey to secure enough assistance to complete these physical examinations. Mrs. Babcock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Corey stated that he had some hope of securing another nurse this month and that he had an application from a nurse who could begin work in November. He pointed out that the Board should seriously consider the matter of the nurses' salaries as it would probably be necessary to raise them in order to attract nurses to the county, and he recommended that the Board should immediately consider raising Miss Mika's salary. Discussion followed. No action was taken., but the Board asked Dr. Corey to find out if and when such a raise could be granted.

Meeting adjourned.

W. B. Corey, M.D., Secy.
E. M. Davidson