



## Seneca County Commissioners

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111 Madison St.  
Tiffin, Ohio 44883

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State Rep. Bill Reineke and State Senator Dave Burke  
1 Capitol Square  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear State Rep. Bill Reineke and State Senator Dave Burke,

The Seneca County Board of Commissioners would like to express its official support for the Seneca County General Health District entrance upgrade project.

The health district office in downtown Tiffin lacks a prominent, easy-to-find entrance that is fully compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The most important component of this project is upgrading the entrance so those with disabilities can comfortably and easily access the facility.

Unfortunately, our county does not currently have adequate capital funds to properly upgrade the entrance. However, we have set aside \$100,000 and have prioritized this project. To move forward, we need some assistance from the state to complete this transformative project that will bring us in full compliance under the ADA.

Since we have a joint health district comprised of Tiffin, Fostoria and Seneca County, the department serves all our residents. The district provides important services to many different people from all corners of our county, including children, young mothers and the elderly. This project is very important to the residents we serve. Although we have repurposed the building into a functioning structure, we still hear complaints that some have issues finding the building due to a lack of a prominent entrance.

Our board has committed to maintaining the facility and we feel we have accomplished this to a high degree, but the wall that would be upgraded through this project has foundation issues that we fear could turn into a safety issue. The wall was built before the Civil War and is in dire need of being upgraded through this project. We have the full support of our partner, the Seneca County General Health District, and with the addition of capital funds from the state, we will be able to meet the needs of our residents through this project.

In our community, we pride ourselves on the seamless level of cooperation and collaboration between different political subdivisions and institutions and we are proud of the county-state partnership we have built over the years. We thank you for your consideration of this request and hope you joining us to bring this project to fruition.

Sincerely,

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Commissioner Shayne Thomas

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Commissioner Michael Kerschner

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Commissioner Anthony Paradiso