Ms. Skoda reported a complaint received regarding a comment at the August 13 Board Meeting regarding Republicans. Reminder that we need to be very careful. We do not make political opinions that might be construed as insulting.

A. Welcome of Persons Present – None.

B. Call to Order – Dr. DePompeoi called the special meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Board Member Roll Call:

Present: Patricia Billow, Todd Burdette, Lynn Clark, Dr. Kimberly Cook, Dominic Cugini, Dr. Roberta DePompeoi, Dr. Kristine Gill, Dan Karant, Dr. Alexandra Mamonis, Jeffrey Snell, Marco Sommerville, Karen Talbott, and Sheila Williams. Absent: Dr. Amy Arnold, Dr. James Boex, Dr. Gayleen Kolazcewski and Leon Ricks. Others Present: Sam Bartlett, Tonya Block, Tonia Burford, Brenda Pickle, Donna Skoda and Tabitha Stearns.

C. Public and Staff Comments (three minute maximum) – None.

D. Health Commissioner’s Report

1. Motion by Ms. Clark, seconded by Mr. Cugini, to adopt Resolution No. 030-20 entitled, "Resolution by the Board of Health of the Summit County Combined General Health District Requiring Masks in Public to include the language that this resolution is in effect until the Board of Health determines it is no longer necessary based upon consultation with the Health Commissioner regarding declining transmission rates in Summit County and other relevant factors related to the threat of COVID-19. (See Enclosure.)

Motion by Mr. Snell, with no second to eliminate “upon the recommendation of the Health Commissioner” from number four.

Approved by voice vote.

2. Other Public Health Orders (See Enclosures.) – Ms. Skoda advised the City of Akron has had issues with social gatherings. Ms. Stearns added the City of Akron passed an ordinance requiring masks to be worn in the city. It mirrors the Governor’s order except it has a $250 fine. By contract pursuant to ORC 3709.281 it grants us the enforcement authority. The University of Akron is having a problem with students gathering in fraternity houses. We developed language that states you can have 10 guests in your home. Indoors you must wear a mask. Outdoors no mask if socially distanced. Does not apply to religious organizations. We are targeting the owners of these properties. They can best police their properties. We will accept a police report as a basis of our penalty. Ms. Stearns advised next month she would have a resolution for the Health District to pass similar legislation with a $100 fine with a police report as a basis of our penalty. Ms. Skoda advised we would stay consistent across the county. Ms. Billow recommended a notice to landlord as they may not be aware of the issue. Ms. Stearns advised a warning could be added to the language.
E. Miscellaneous Business – Mr. Karant asked if the mask order is sent to all businesses and effective date of order? Dr. DePompei advised she is hoping there will be a series of educational messages to different groups. Ms. Skoda advised order effective immediately. Notice to be sent to all villages, townships and cities and to the HAN list which includes police, fire, etc. Ms. Talbott asked if you vote in a church is that an issue with wearing a mask? Ms. Stearns replied no. No religious activity. Mr. Snell voiced concern over elderly poll workers and to send a copy of the order to the Board of Elections. Ms. Skoda advised a letter was previously sent to the Board of Elections and all polling places that have asked for it. We will also send an opinion letter to the Board of Elections that it is our opinion that our local resolution applies to their poll workers due to sustained interaction inside of a room. Poll workers and observers should wear a mask.

Motion by Ms. Clark, seconded by Ms. Williams to send an opinion letter with Resolution 030-20 to the Board of Elections.

Approved by voice vote.

Ms. Williams recommended sending Resolution 030-20 to the Clerk of Courts for each political subdivision.

F. The meeting of the Board of Health adjourned at 6:12 p.m.