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Court Dismisses Several Counts in Case Filed Against Board of Health

(Seneca County, June 15, 2026) - The Seneca County Common Pleas Court has granted the Seneca County Board of Health's motion to dismiss three counts of a complaint filed by WIN Waste Innovations of Seneca County against the Board. The court found WIN Waste didn't state a claim that the Board violated the Ohio Open Meetings Act as was alleged in counts two through four of the complaint. Another count of the complaint was not subject to the motion and will be decided at another time.

The court's journal entry points out that the case is one of seven filed by or involving WIN Waste arising from the Board's decisions involving the landfill's operating license. The court noted that while WIN Waste alleged it filed suit to ensure government transparency, it waited two years from the first alleged violation to sue and initially sought to recover a civil penalty of $500 for each of the 88 separate alleged Open Meetings Act violations. The court concluded that WIN Waste did not state a claim for any violations as alleged in the dismissed counts.

"We're gratified that our local court followed the law and granted the motion to dismiss," Seneca County Board of Health President Clay Wolph said. "The landfill is forcing the Board to spend taxpayer funds to fight in court. Still, we have and will continue to keep the health and safety of our communities at the forefront when making decisions."

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