

Jasper County Board of Health Minutes  
Thursday, September 11, 2025, 11:00 AM  
Jasper County Office Building, 315 W. 3rd St. N., Large Conference Room, Newton, Iowa

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- Call to Order. Time: 11:00 AM
- Roll Call of Jasper County Board of Health members: Dr. Andrew Cope: Medical Director, Donna Akins, Jody Eaton, Doug Cupples, Board of Supervisors.
- Board members absent: Julie Smith, Chair, at a conference.
- Introduction of others present: Staff: Becky Pryor, Kristina Winfield, Melissa Gary.
- Others: Kevin Luetters, Andrew Main, Hunter Teague: Community Development; Lauren Asman, ERF.  
Online: Heather Bombei, IHHS; Jamee Pierson, Newton News.

**Motion** to approve the July 10, 2025, meeting minutes. See 2-page attachment.

Motion by Dr. Cope, seconded by Donna Akins, motion passed unanimously.

**Motion** to consider and approve the agenda. See the 2-page attachment.

Motion by Jody Eaton, seconded by Doug Cupples, motion passed unanimously.

- Comments from the public: None
- Outside Agency Reports: Information Only
- Environmental Health: Kevin Luetters, Community Development Director.
  - July and August reports. See 1-page attachment
  - New staff: Hunter Teague and Andrew Main.

**Other Environmental**

- EH onboarding from IHHS. See 11-page attachment.
- Environmental health plays a vital role in protecting community well-being through safe water, food safety, clean air, healthy housing, and more. Having EH Consultants at regional meetings helps share timely updates on emerging issues, fosters stronger communication across programs, and supports a coordinated approach to community health. Environmental health addresses needs in their counties, such as responding to concerns about mold, bed bugs, or other environmental hazards. Environmental Health is Public Health.
- Quarterly EH webinar 9.2.2025 included information about building asbestos, lead, water supply, radon, & environmental issues that affect health, such as where people live, etc.
- Radon Kits: Hotline 1-800-383-5992 American Lung Association- Order kits.
- Private Well Grants: Be Informed. See 1-page attachment.
- New Private Well Forms. See 2-page attachment.
- Guide created for new staff in environmental health about public health and resources.
- MICA: Megan Thompson, Health Services Director. No formal report. Not present
  - Reported that they moved to the lower level of Capstone BH on 9.2.25.
- EFR: Lauren Asman was present.
  - Report September 2025 See 1-page attachment. Many changes in staff.
- American Lung: Emma Krapfl, Specialist. Not present
  - FY25Q4 Newsletter. See 2-page attachment.
  - FY25 Eval Template for Jasper County See 2-page attachment
  - FY26Q1 Report. See 2-page attachment

**Old Business:**

- IHHS Updates, Meeting 9/16/2025 and 10/31/2025. Heather Bombei explained to the board that IHHS

plans to hold town hall meetings, and she will make the board aware of the dates.

- [Iowa PCA Behavioral Health Navigation](#)

**New Business:**

- Open Meeting: HF706: See 5-page attachment. We will need to train if we have new members.

**Other: (Information Only)**

- Becky Pryor, Administrator, Health Department: Report. See 1-page attachment
  - Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP): Housing sheet. See 4-page attachment. Already changed. Meeting planned for housing on 9/17/2025.
  - [Opioid Settlement Funding](#): Opioid funds are available and are taking applications until 10/31/2025.
    - This 4<sup>th</sup> round of funding is focusing on substance abuse: treatment and infrastructure.
  - [Jasper County Cares Coalition](#): Meeting 8/13/2025 and 9/10/2025. Next meeting will be 10/8/2025.
  - Kristina, Public Health
  - Immunizations: [School and Daycare Audits](#) See 3-page attachment.
    - [VFC Audit](#) conducted on 09/09/2025 went very well. No issues found.
  - Communicable diseases: Legionnaires' Disease, Marshall Co. See 2-page attachment
  - Public Relations: Setting dates for employee flu shots and employee blood draw.
- Melissa, Assistant: 4 home care reimbursement clients and one car seat.
- Next meeting: Thursday, November 12, 2025, 11:00 AM

**Motion to Adjourn:** Time: 11:36 AM

Motion by Donna Akins, seconded by Jody Eaton, motion passed unanimously.



Board Member's Signature



Date

Minutes taken by Melissa Gary on 9/11/2025