

Jasper County Board of Health Minutes

Thursday, January 8, 2026, 11:00 AM

Jasper County Office Building, 315 W. 3rd St. N., Large Conference Room, Newton, Iowa

1. Call to Order. Time: 11:01 AM
2. Roll Call of Jasper County Board of Health members: Present: Julie Smith (Chair), Dr. Andrew Cope (Medical Director), Donna Akins, Jody Eaton
Absent: Doug Cupples, Board of Supervisors.
3. Introduction of others present: Staff: Becky Pryor, Kristina Winfield, and Melissa Gary.
Others: Lauren Asman: EFR
4. Minutes: **Motion** to approve the November 13, 2025, minutes. See 2-page attachment.
Motion by Jody Eaton, Second: Donna Akins In Favor: All Passed: unanimously
5. Agenda Approval: **Motion** to approve the agenda. See 2-page attachment.
Motion by Jody Eaton Second: Dr. Cope In Favor: All Passed: unanimously
6. Citizen Comments: None
7. Outside Agency Reports: Information Only
Environmental Health: Kevin Luetters, Community Development Director. Not present.
 - a. November and December reports. See 2-page attachment.EFR: Lauren Asman.
 - a. Update on a new opioid grant to educate students about medication safety.
 - b. Information on new curriculum-based programming at Newton High School.

Old Business:

8. IHHS Updates Information Local Public Health Services: October 2025. See 2-page attachment.
9. Jody Eaton was reappointed to a 3-year term. 1/1/2026-12/31/2028. Information Only.

New Business:

1. Chair Election: **Motion** to reappoint Julie Smith.
Motion by Jody Eaton Second: Donna Akins In Favor: All Passed: unanimously
2. Budget: FY26 changes and FY27 for Board of Supervisors: **Motion** to approve the budget with the recommendation of a 3% raise for all staff, and for the Administrator to present to the Board of Supervisors at budget hearings. Motion by Dr. Cope, Second: Donna Akins, In favor: All, Passed: unanimously
10. Employee Reports: Information Only.
Health Department Report. See 1-page report.
Jasper County Cares Coalition: 12/10/2025. Becky spoke about the success of the awards presented at the meeting. Seventy-two people attended the meeting.
Public Health: Immunizations and Communicable Diseases. Kristina spoke about reports of influenza A, pertussis, and potential other communicable disease cases in Jasper County and provided information on data loggers for the immunization refrigerator/freezer.
Office: Homecare and Car Seats. A discussion was held on the future of the Homecare program.
11. Next meeting: Thursday, March 12, 2026, 11:00 AM
12. Motion to adjourn the meeting. Time: 11:55 AM
By: Donna Akins Second: Dr. Cope In Favor: All Passed: unanimously



Board Member's Signature



Date

Minutes taken by Melissa Gary on 1/8/2026.