

Jasper County Board of Health Minutes

Thursday, March 12, 2026, 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: Julie Smith (Chair), Dr. Andrew Cope (Medical Director), Donna Akins, Jody Eaton. Absent: Doug Cupples (Board of Supervisors)
- Introduction of others present: Becky Pryor, Kristina Winfield, Melissa Gary. Others: Kevin Luetters, Jasper County Community Development. Lauren Asman, Employee and Family Resources (via Zoom)
- Minutes: Motion to approve the January 8, 2026, minutes. See the 1-page attachment. Motion by: Dr. Cope Second: Jody Eaton, In Favor: All passed: unanimously
- Agenda Approval: Motion to consider and approve the agenda. See the 2-page attachment. Motion by: Donna Akins Second: Dr. Cope, In Favor, All Passed: unanimously
- Citizen Comments: None

Outside Agency Reports: (Information Only)

Environmental Health: Kevin Luetters, Community Development Director

- January and February reports. See 2-page attachment
- Environmental Health Septic Pumper inspections are due next month
- Grants to Counties have a \$10,000 reduction

EFR: Lauren Asman, Program Specialist.

EFR is continuing its programming with the Newton Schools and with Problem Gambling. Still need 3 Naloxone policies but are on track this year.

Old Business: IHHS Updates (Discussion)

Public Health Legislation SF2432

Budget/Raises: Board of Supervisors, budget hearing on 1/19/2026. Raises 2027: The Board of Supervisors approved that salaried positions receive a 2% raise. Motion to approve the Board of Supervisors 2% raises for salaried employees. Motion by: Dr. Cope Second: Donna Akins In Favor: All Passed: unanimously

New Business:

- IHHS System Snapshot-State of Iowa 2026, See 2-page attachment
- Jasper County HHS System Snapshot 2026. Note: Dental is all dentists, not those who accept Medicaid. See the 2-page attachment
- Home Care Reimbursement Program to end 6/30/2027. Motion: Tabled Motion by: Jody Eaton Second: Donna Akins In Favor: All Passed: unanimously
- Motion to approve the IHHS FY 27 Grants: Local Public Health Services (LPHS), Immunization, \$11200, Grants to Counties. Motion by: Dr. Cope Second: Jody Eaton In Favor: All Passed: unanimously
- Employee Reports: (Information Only) Health Department Report. See 1-page attachment
- Jasper County Cares Coalition
- Community Health Improvement Plans updates
- Public Health: Immunizations and Communicable Diseases. Discussed TB cases, numerous latent cases are managed by public health nurse. Some active TB cases with daily monitoring and labs every 2 weeks.
- Office: Finished purchasing the child safety items for Healthy Kids Day on 4/25/2026. The remaining Decat grant funds for the year for the Healthy Kids Day.
- Received \$2000 from the ECI/JMP Board for a car seat event on 5/16/2026. We purchased Car seats and Fuel Only card. Installed and checked 7 car seats in January and February.
- Contacted all home care clients to follow up with them on waiver services. Left messages for two clients

and have not heard back from them yet. The third client stated his assessment is still pending. Gave him the number to Telligen to follow up on an assessment date.

Next meeting: Thursday, May 14, 2026, 11:00 AM



5/14/2026

Board Member Signature

Date

Minutes taken by Melissa Gary on March 12, 2026