Jasper County Board of Health Minutes

Thursday, September 10, 2026, 11:00 AM

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

- Call to Order. Time: 11:01 AM
- Roll Call of Jasper County Board of Health members: Present: Jody Eaton, Dr. Andrew Cope, Medical Director; Donna Akins.
  Absent: Julie Smith, BOH Chair; Doug Cupples, Jasper County Board of Supervisors.
- Introduction of others present: Becky Pryor, Administrator; Kristina Winfield, Public Health Coordinator; Melissa Gary, Health Department Assistant.
  Absent: None
- Others: Lauren Asman, EFR; Jana Larsen, MICA; Jessica Miller, 1st Five-MICA; Kevin Luetters, Environmental Director
- Approval of the July 9, 2026, minutes. See 1-page attachment
  - Motion: Donna Akins, Seconded by: Dr. Andrew Cope. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously
- Consider and approve the agenda. See 1-page attachment
  - Motion: Jody Eaton, Seconded by: Donna Akins. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously
- Citizen Comments: None
- Outside Agency Reports:
- Environmental Health: Kevin Luetters, Community Development Director. See 2-page attachment.
  - All outdoor pool inspections are complete. Indoor pool inspections are planned for November in both Poweshiek and Jasper Counties.
  - The five-year, 28E agreement with the state for private well testing and permitting has been signed. Permitting for new wells is uncommon except for livestock purposes. There was no grant billing in the 1st quarter.
  - Kevin stated that they have been very busy with nuisance complaints and dog bites.

  Employee and Family Resources (EFR): Lauren Asman, Program Specialist.
  - Stated that she completed the FY26 grant and will begin working on the FY27 grant at the end of the month.

  Mid Iowa Community Action (MICA): Jana Larsen, Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Coordinator.
  - WIC clinics are still being held in Newton and Colfax. The Maternal and Child Health Program is accepting referrals. Nurses at the clinics can schedule home visits, early childhood assessments, Medicaid applications, and lead screenings. A dental hygienist is also present to assist with dental screenings and can refer children to the I-Smile Program.

Old Business:

House File 2490: Open Meeting Laws. See 1-page attachment. Motion to approve to replace posting on door at Administration Building to post the BOH Agenda on the new outside Courthouse Bulletin Board.

- Motion: Dr. Andrew Cope, Seconded by: Donna Akins. All in favor. Motion approved unanimously

- IHHS Updates: See 2-page attachment
  Becky attended numerous meetings, including State, Regional, and weekly district meetings. The RFP is currently out. Polk and Marion County are both writing for the district grant. Becky wrote a letter of support for Polk County, then received an email from Marion County stating that they are also writing for the grant.

New Business:

- Jasper County Board of Health terms – See 1-page attachment
  - Donna Akins' term ends on 12/31/2026. Donna stated that she would like to continue serving on the

board.
    - Doug Cupples' term ends on 12/31/2026. Becky will talk with Doug about his reappointment.
- Emergency Plans
    - Hazard Vulnerability Assessment (HVA). See 1-page attachment
        - Motion: Dr. Andrew Cope, Seconded by: Donna Akins. All in favor. Motion approved unanimously
    - NIMS Cast Compliance. See 5-page attachment. The department is in compliance and meets the requirements threshold.
        - Motion: Donna Akins, Seconded by: Jody Eaton. All in favor. Motion approved unanimously
- Staff Reports:
    - Becky talked about the Jasper County Cares meeting yesterday. 44 attended with several new people. The distribution list has grown, and we are sharing information with 348 people. The 99 County Cancer Discussion about Jasper County was held on 9/9/2026. See 1-page attachment. 31 people attended either in person or via Zoom. Data was presented on how Jasper County rates compare to the State of Iowa and the US, and what can be done for cancer prevention. Becky reported that the Health Department is covering for General Assistance today and whenever needed.
    - Kristina reported on the current measles cases in Iowa. There are currently no measles cases in Jasper County. Information and updates have been emailed to the schools. The MMR vaccine is available for all ages; however, those requesting the vaccine are encouraged to see their primary care physician. School and daycare audits are all scheduled. School audits are due to the state by 10/31/2026. Back to school immunizations given and working closely with school nurses. County employee flu shots have been ordered, and the county blood draw is scheduled for October 22nd.
    - Melissa reported that Homecare has 1 client, and she has been working with Aging Resources regarding waiver services for the client. The Carnival in the Park was on August 29th, and a Cares Coalition member distributed business cards for needed services and resource guide magnets. Resource guide and events calendar updated. Melissa reported that three car seats were installed in July and August.
- Next meeting: Thursday, November 12, 2026, 11:00 AM
- Motion to adjourn the meeting:
  Motion: Donna Akins, Seconded by: Jody Eaton. All in favor. Motion approved unanimously
- Time: 11:37 AM

Donna Akins 11/12/26

Board Member Signature Date: 11/12/2026

Minutes taken by Melissa Gary on September 10, 2026.