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Board of Health Minutes

April 21, 2026
5:01 pm – 5:50 pm
Marion County Public Health Department and Virtually
2003 N Lincoln
Knoxville, IA

Hannon called the meeting to order at 5:01pm. Present: Joni Hannon Virtually Present: Kisha Jahner, Nicole Bryant, Dr. Timothy McCoy (joined at 5:05) Staff present: Christina Van Vark Staff Virtually Present; Linsey Spoelstra

Motion to approve April 21, 2026 Board of Health agenda by Jahner, support by Bryant. Motion carried, ayes all.

Public comments: None

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Bryant. Support by Jahner. Motion carried, ayes all.

Environmental Health report was reviewed: quite a few animal bites, investigations being done by MCPH Receptionist. Spoelstra, Woodhouse, and Van Vark completing a lot of EH training. We're still working with Eric Dursky in Mahaska County for training and consultation. Update on Casey's – City of Knoxville is building a Casey's within city limits, but since it's more than 200 feet from established sewer, they are putting in a septic system. We will monitor monthly testing results. Motion by Jahner to receive and file the EH report. Support by Bryant. Motion carried, ayes all.

Josh Noftsgger has requested a holding tank at 1895 Hwy S45 for a shop. The site has been reviewed by EH staff and staff does recommend this be approved and a 2,000 gallon tank to be installed. Tank will be pumped by Don Noftsgger as needed and be self-applied on their ground. The system will have an alarm. Motion by Bryant. Support By Jahner. Motion carried, ayes all.

Don Noftsgger has requested a holding tank at 1842 50th Place, a recreational cabin. EH staff has done a site evaluation and recommend approval of this request and a 2,000 gallon tank to be installed. This system will also have an alarm and be pumped by Mr. Noftsgger and self-applied. Motion by Jahner. Support by Bryant. Motion carried, ayes all.

Pershing/Attica septic situation discussed; many systems are needing to be installed and/or updated. Public Health staff has been researching grants that will financially assist homeowners with system installment. Spoelstra discussed a Community Development Block grant which focuses on water/wastewater development. The Board approved a desire to look at a grant that would support septic systems countywide and instructed Spoelstra to do further research, prepare a proposal, and give an updated to the Board at next month's meeting. Motion to close discussion by Jahner. Support by Dr. McCoy. Motion carried, ayes all.

Marion County Public Health is requested a budget amendment for FY26. Stacy Haas has accepted the Healthy Hometowns Project Manager position, so there is a salary adjustment for the remainder of the year for this. Also added were expenses for tablets, radon tests, FIT kits, Dermatoscopes, and LPH department reimbursements. Also budgeted education/training and marketing for the project. Total increase in expense is \$1,470,000. Revenue has also been adjusted, with a \$1,515,786 increase to FY26. Motion by Jahner to approve the budget amendment. Support by Dr. McCoy. Motion carried, ayes all.

Director Updates:

- Van Hulzen and Spoelstra presented to the Leadership Red Rock group about Public Health and the programs we offer/support
- Spoelstra and Haas presented at Iowa Cancer Consortium spring meeting regarding the new Combat Cancer project
- Blood drive held on April 20 and another coming in June
- Applications submitted to Marion County Foundation – Knoxville Friendship League and bed bug financial assistance
- Judi Van Hulzen to travel to Chicago in July for Alzheimer's 2 day training, paid for by special grant funding
- Public Health alignment – Iowa HHS is holding town halls with more information; Spoelstra will attend town hall and report back next month

Next meeting is May 19, 2026 at 5:00pm.

Motion to adjourn at 5:50pm by Jahner, support by Bryant. Motion carried, ayes all.

Recorder, Linsey Spoelstra

