

Louisa County Board of Health

12635 County Rd G56, Ste 103
Wapello, IA 52653



Meeting Minutes February 10th, 2026

Members Present: Shawn Maine, Randy Griffin

Members Present via Zoom: Ashley Bartenhagen

Excused/Absent:, Lynn Mincer

Staff Present: L. McElhinney

Guests: Jim Rudisill, Brian Thye

Guests via Zoom: None

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Maine at 1730.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve February 10th, 2026 agenda by Griffin, 2nd by Bartenhagen. All approved, so carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Bartenhagen to approve January 13th, 2026, board minutes, 2nd by Griffin. All approved, so carried.

Environmental Health Update

New Business/Financial Report:

B. Thye presented EH stats for January 2026. Thye gave an update regarding an old complaint about tires. Thye stated he had an illegal discharge concern that had been turned over to the county attorney. Thye reported holding tank renewals were starting to return as expected. Thye also reported he had recently completed continuing education in Des Moines with an update regarding changes to mechanical systems.

Old Business:

None

Thye exited the meeting @ 1741

Public Health/Home Health Update

New business/Director's Report:

L. McElhinney presented financial data for Environmental Health through the month of January 2026.

L. McElhinney presented financial and home visit caseload data through January 2026.

McElhinney reported she was presenting a "Lunch and Learn" coming up at an area business. McElhinney reported that a recent power outage at the complex had resulted in discovering that the battery backup for the temperature monitoring system for the vaccine storage was not working. McElhinney stated IT had been notified and was working on a solution.

PH Alignment/Legislative Updates:

McElhinney gave an update on recent bills at the state. House bill 622 formalizes the 7 behavioral health districts. House bill 623 concerns the structure/consolidation of Early Childhood; not a direct impact on public health but affects partners. McElhinney gave an alignment update regarding proposed core services focusing on environmental health, chronic conditions, disease investigations, and communicable diseases. McElhinney reported this is a suggested plan but there are plans for more conversations possibly towards the end of March.

CMS Survey Update/Review:

McElhinney provided an overview of the DIA Survey completed in January for the LCPH home health agency. The corrections surrounded the need for adjustments to documentation procedures. McElhinney stated no direct care concerns were cited. McElhinney reported accolades were given to staff by DIA surveyors. McElhinney reported she had until February 14th to submit the plan of corrections.

FY27 Sliding Fee-possible action item:

L. McElhinney presented proposed changes to the sliding fee scale to make it most current with federal poverty guidelines. Changes to income levels were adjusted on the first 2 levels. Motion by Griffin to adopt the proposed changes to the FY27 sliding fee as presented, 2nd by Bartenhagen. All approved, so carried.

Extra car disposal/discussion-possible action item:

McElhinney reported that due to the reduction in staff positions that had occurred in January, LCPH had 6 cars in the parking lot. McElhinney recommended that the oldest and highest milage car could be gotten rid of. McElhinney recommended taking bids for the sale of the car, citing various upgrade the car needed. Discussion was held regarding the need to put a minimum bid and grouping the sale in with property sales in other departments. No action was taken at this time.

Old Business:

None

Public Input

None

Meeting

Next BOH meeting: Tuesday, March 10th @ 5:30pm

Adjournment

There being no further business, motion to adjourn by Bartenhagen at 1759, 2nd by Griffin.

Respectfully Submitted,
Leah McElhinney
Secretary Pro Tem

Motion to Approve:

1st: _____ 2nd: _____