



STORY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

STORY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION
900 6TH STREET
NEVADA, IOWA 50201

Minutes

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DATE: October 7th, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: 2:00 PM

PLACE: Public Meeting Room – Story County Administration
900 6th St
Nevada, IA

Molly Lee, DVM, MPH – Chair
John Paschen, MD – Vice-Chair
Mike Badger
Betsy Matos, PhD, MPH
Sherri Pleis, DVM
Lisa Heddens (Ex-Officio Member)

Special Note to the Public: This meeting was also offered via Zoom.

Board Members Present: Molly Lee, John Paschen, Mike Badger, Sherrie Pleis, Lisa Heddens (ex-officio), Betsy Matos.

Quorum was established.

Board Members Absent:

Others Present: Jane Esterly-Rettig, Eric Adelmund, Hannah Hyesu Park, Tanner Koder, Kimberly Grandinetti, Matthew Cory, Laura Johnston, Allie Hoffman (Recording Secretary).

1. Call to Order

Lee called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Paschen, seconded by Pleis to approve agenda as submitted. Motion passed on voice vote.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Paschen, seconded by Pleis to approve minutes from August 5th, 2025 meeting as amended. Motion passed on voice vote.

4. Consent Agenda:

Consideration Of 2026 Board Of Health Meeting Schedule

2026 calendar is set for the first Tuesday of even months at 2 PM as traditionally held.

The following dates are when meetings will take place:

February 3, 2026 - April 14, 2026 - June 2, 2026 - August 4, 2026 - October 6, 2026 –
and December 1, 2026

*April 7th, 2026 is the Public Health Conference of Iowa preconference workshop.

Consideration Of Personnel Actions: Approved By BOS On 9/16/2025 And Effective 9/21/2025

Pay Adjustment for Allison Hoffman, Administrative Assistant, Part-Time, Grade 12, Step C @ \$24.35

Consideration Of Amendment 3 For Public Health 6-Year Emergency Response Contract 5884BT185 From June 6th, 2025 To January 16th, 2026 For \$6,000

Motion by Pleis, seconded by Paschen to approve consent agenda. Motion passed on voice vote.

5. Public Forum:

None.

6. Agency and Departmental Reports:

6.1 Aquatic Program; Matt Cory & Laura Johnston

Cory and Johnston gave an update about EH's aquatic program. Pleis asked if there are constant monitoring systems to install in the pools? Johnston and Cory explained that EH's new Pilot Program will help with more constant monitoring, but hotel staff will still need to complete 2 manual tests daily and check to see if any alarms got triggered. Matos questioned is EH doing announced inspections? Cory answered that most are unannounced except for HOA pool inspections due to the pool being locked and needing access. Matos then inquired if the inspection information is made public? Cory replied that EH posts the inspection reports on the EH website. Paschen wondered if EH has a sign to put up saying the pool passed inspection? Cory responded that there is no sign for passed or fail to put up however, the pool has to put up a sign showcasing EH's information so people can go online to find the report or report complaints if needed. Lee asked about the issue of staff training and if staff is not getting trained at all, not getting trained properly, or what exactly is going on to see those issues? Cory answered that it can be a lot of things contributing to staff being untrained or uninformed, like sometimes a hotel loses their maintenance person/CPO and manager at the same time or a new manager is from a different county and doesn't know the ordinance or rules for Story County yet. Pleis questioned if EH can make Boone County use Story County's Pool Ordinance since EH inspects in their county? Cory replied that EH has given that idea a bit of thought but EH is in the middle of a 5-year contract so they are looking into what is needed for the next contract to implement that. See audio on Story County BOH's website for presentation.

7. Agency and Departmental Reports:

7.1 Community and Family Resources (CFR); Hannah Park

Park provided the update for CFR. Discussion was had between Paschen, Pleis, Lee, and Park about Primary Care Provider (PCP) numbers and accessibility in the County to healthcare professionals. Agency report included in agenda packet.

7.2 Youth and Shelter Services (YSS); Tanner Koder

Koder provided the update for YSS. Matos asked if Ember struggles to obtain employees because of pay and if the pay is competitive? Koder answered that the it is because of how new Ember is and YSS is working out the kinks with it being new. YSS' pay is competitive but it also takes a special person to handle the job and finding those people is not easy. Paschen questioned if it is possible to tour Ember? Koder replied yes, but please call or email beforehand to schedule a tour. Lee wondered if YSS tracks interest levels or how students react to the mental health program? Koder informed the Board that YSS has 2 contacts that take feedback of how the students feel before and after the program for their grants and agency data. Agency report included in agenda packet.

7.3 Story County Public Health (PH); Eric Adelmund & Sherry Zook

Adelmund and Ferrari provided the update for PH. Discussions were had between the Board, PH, and Park from CFR that included vaccines, Narcan accessibility, and communication abilities with public members that don't speak English. Agency report included in agenda packet.

7.4 Story County Environmental Health (EH); Kimberly Grandinetti & Laura Johnston

Grandinetti provided the update for EH. Small discussion was had between Lee and Johnston about contamination in West Indian Creek found by Johnston while doing creek samples. Matos questioned how to schedule a ride along with EH? Heddens commented that emailing EH to get it scheduled would work fine. Lee inquired what the protocol is if money runs out for PWG funding? Grandinetti responded that claims cannot be made and EH would have to make a waitlist for public members to request to be on when more funds become available. Agency report included in agenda packet.

8. Additional Items:

8.1 Discussion Of Story County Community Health Improvement Plan 2025

Adelmund and Esterly-Rettig gave an update about the Story County Community Health Improvement Plan (SC CHIP) 2025. After the update a lengthy discussion between the Board and PH was had. See audio on Story County BOH's website for the in-depth conversation. Report included in Agenda packet.

8.2 Discussion & Consideration Of Updated Issue Statement Protocol; Molly Lee

Motion by Paschen, seconded by Matos to table item Discussion & Consideration Of Updated Issue Statement Protocol to December meeting. Motion passed on voice vote.

9. Comments:

Staff: None.

Board:

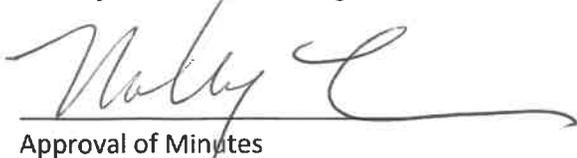
Paschen: There should be a time limit on agenda items.

Lee: My term expires at the end of the year and I am not renewing. If you have a person you think would be awesome, the application can be found on the BOH website.

10. Adjournment

Matos moved to adjourn meeting, seconded by Paschen.

Lee adjourned the meeting at 4:13 PM.


Approval of Minutes

Chair, 12/2/25
Title and Date