

4th Floor Conference Room

Boone County Courthouse

- I. **Call Meeting to Order:** by Dr Mehlhaus at 5:30 pm
- II. **Attendance:** Present: Dr Brian Mehlhaus, via zoom, Gary Nystrom, Kristine Johansen, Shawn Bryant.
Absent: Kriss Haglund, Lydia Billings.

Additional Attendees:

Ed Tharp, Code Enforcement Officer.

- III. **Changes & Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (09/15/2025).**
 - Motion by Gary Nystrom, 2nd by Shawn Bryant to approve the 09/15/2025 minutes. The vote was unanimous, Motion carried.
- IV. **Changes & Approval of Meeting Agenda**
 - Motion by Kristine Johansen, 2nd by Gary Nystrom to approve the agenda. The vote was unanimous, Motion carried.
- V. **Open Public Hearing(s) and Consideration of Request(s)**
 - A. None.
- VI. **Unfinished (Old) Business**
 - A. Gary Nystrom, Boone County Board of Health.

Gary Nystrom and Kristine Johansen were asked by Brian Mehlhaus if they had talked to anyone from the Boone Hospital, or Lydia. He said that the Boone Hospital Administrator said that there are some other issues that needed to be addressed and that she would get back to him about getting together and having a meeting.

VII. New Business.

A. None.

VIII. Department Update

A. Public Health Department Report – Lydia Billings, Public Health Administrator.

Lydia was absent from the meeting, so there was no Public Health report.

B. Health and Sanitation Department Report.

Ed Tharp, Code Enforcement Officer.

Gave an update on what has been happening in the county. He talked about how many septic systems they have been installing around the county. At the time of the meeting, he said that they had 92 septic systems installed for the year. He talked about 3 of the complaints that he was working on. He also handed out an information sheet on the Opioid Fund amount and emailed it to each board member also. He then talked about how many well water tests he had performed since the last meeting and the well plugging around the county. He said other than that it was quiet.

C. Gary Nystrom Board of Health.

Gary had some questions and he talked about a company in Boone called Optima Life Services. He said that they had in-house health services, physical therapy, speech therapy and behavioral health services. He thought that maybe they could help with the home making program. Brian Mehlhaus said that they will ask Lydia at the next meeting if she knows anything about this company.

IX. Adjournment

Dr. Brian Mehlhaus entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion by Kristine Johansen, 2nd by Gary Nystrom to adjourn the meeting at 5:51pm. The vote was unanimous, Motion carried.

Next Meeting January 19th, 2026, 5:30 p.m. at the Boone County Courthouse: 4th Floor Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted

Ed Tharp, Secretary.