

April 13, 2026

This meeting was held in the Commissioners' Court Room at the Clay County Courthouse. Those present were: Chairman Lynn Stoelting; R.N., Penny Groover; Vice Chairman, Dr. Camillo Mendoza; Health Officer, Dr. Nancy Breitweiser, Kim Shidler; PHN, Lori Conrad; Registrar, Billy Carrico; Environmentalist, Brian "Carl" Carlton; Health Inspector, Ann Shonk R.N., Lori Mayle R.N., Charity Kumpf, School Nurse Liaison, Rachel Dickerson; Wic Coordinator, Austin Burns; DDS, Dr. Frank Zwerner; Deputy Health Officer, Amber Sindors, Linda Chezem, Marty Heffner, Kate Baughman, Paul Sindors, Nathalie Cassady-Pierce, JoAnn Wilkerson, Thomas Kintner, Kate Cobb, Bill & Marilyn McClelland, Andy & Jodi Lohrman, Shannon Snapp, Brian Wetnight, Andy Kirchner, Alex Wolfe, Dr. Ron Leach, Steve Stoelting, Michael Heaton, Ryan Mishler, Hunter Moran, Brian Wyndham, Karen Joyce-Zink, Rick James, Brian Allender.

Those absent were: Jan Stearley; R.N.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lynn Stoelting. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The minutes of the January 12th meeting were approved. (Motion by Ann Shonk and seconded by Dr. Austin Burns)(6-0) The agenda was approved with the Board of Account information and future board meetings being added under old business (Motion by Penny Groover and Seconded by Ann Shonk)(6-0)

Lori Mayle made the motion to re-appoint Dr. Mendoza as the Clay Co. Health Officer for the next four years. Term is 1/1/2026-12/31/2029. A second was made by Penny Groover. Motion was carried and approved. (6-0)

Carl, Health Inspector, stated the food inspection/quick reference to changes that have been made are available to be picked up after the meeting or at the Health Department. He stated that new food codes stated on 4/16/25 and he said he is facing the task that all vendors in Clay County are compliant with regulations the state has published. He stated operating legally in a manner of ensuring everyone is held to same standards. The code section on the inspection report list violations and they can be compared to the food codes. Violations are photo documented.

Charity Kumpf, school nurse liaison, informed the board that the Catch My Breath Vaping program was done for all 5th and 7th grade students. The winning anti vaping poster contest winners will be placed on local billboards in May. Deodorant was provided for all 4th and 5th grade students. She provided vision and hearing screening for students of Indiana Online that requested them. Immunization letters have been sent home. Tick removal kits were delivered to schools. Monthly wellness clinics are held for county employees. Lead testing is done for Head Start. Used Spot Vision camera and found a student with vision issues that will be able to be taken care of.

Billy Carrico, environmentalist, stated he has 18 septic systems that are in process. The state entomologist will do mosquito and tick trapping. Has received complaints about Roadway Inn. He has investigated the hotel with assistance from the state. He attended the septic conference on new septic codes and technologies.

Rachel Dickerson, Wic Coordinator, stated they fully staffed and doing well.

Kim provided updates to the board. Thrive bus numbers continue to increase and they have updated flyers with routes. We purchased 100 tickets and they were given to housing authority, blessing boxes, food banks, health department and bus drivers. We have purchased another 100 tickets to assist local residents. We had 2 participants visit the mobile IU Lung Scan Unit. The Health department will be participating in some local health fairs along with the PPG health fair. They will check A1C, Cholesterol, and blood pressures. Our online food, septic, and birth/death certificate applications have increased. We are now able to issue birth/death from other counties. This service helped customers and funeral homes. Report from ISDH with cancer rates have been sent to board. She informed the board the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator job is still open.

Lynn Stoelting informed that Kim and herself had meet with the State Board of Accounts about accusations of School Nurse Liaison Grant that Lynn worked under and did not file a conflict of interest form. Cody from the state board of accounts said Lynn could share that no fraudulent activity was found and all money was accounted for. He will review the findings with the committee and commissioners in the future and stated that all departments need to file a conflict of interest form if needed. There will be an exit interview at a later time.

Discussion was held on increasing the frequency of the board meetings. A motion was made by Ann Shonk to meet every other month instead of quarterly. Penny Groover seconded and the board approved and dates were set for the remainder of year. Penny Groover thanked Kim for sending the monthly updates and keeping the board informed.

Dr Breitweiser discussed the board seeking legal council for the board looking outside of our county so it is impartial. She asked would be the process and the funding for this. We will check with other counties to see how they are handling this.

Dr. Burns read a statement from the board stating that the Clay Co Health department proudly supports the Indiana Retail Food code and its latest updates. We are committed to safer food practices and a healthier community.

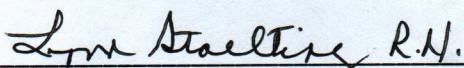
Lynn informed the public that copies of the inspection form, applications to obtain a permit and general information was provided at meeting and can is also available at the health department. The board met in executive session. Their goal is to keep everyone informed and to make sure we are meeting requirements.

Billy stated the health department had received no complaints. They were just posted on social media. We have complaint forms for the public to fill out and we address the complaints.

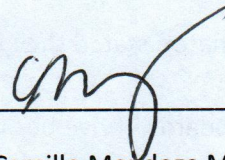
Discussion was held on reporting of restaurant violations. In the future they will list the number of out of compliance violations.

During the public comment time several citizens raised concerns about how the current Health Inspector was responding with the public and permit issues. Those providing information to the board were: Mike Heaton, JoAnn Wilkerson, Natalia Cassidy-Pierce, Brian Wetnight, Brian Mishler, Kate Cobb, and Tom Kintner. It was suggested that a meeting with food vendors, restaurants, and caterers be held to be able to give knowledge and information to the vendors. Rick James questioned the board having the proper number of republican/democrats on the board. Marty Heffner stated that at the time of appointment they had the proper balance on the board.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Penny Groover and was seconded by Lori Mayle. The next meeting will be June 22, 2026 in the Commissioner's Room.



Chairman, Lynn Stoelting, RN



Dr. Camillo Mendoza M.D. Health Office