

Porter County Board of Health Meeting

Tuesday, July 7, 2026

155 Indiana Avenue, Commissioner's Chambers

Valparaiso, Indiana

Abbreviated Minutes

In Attendance: Dr. Chris Osan, Robyn Lane, Michelle Cherry, Dr. Kimberly Brunt, Dr. Linda Boxum, Dr. Amanda Alaniz, Attorney Dave Hollenbeck

Absent: Attorney Colby Barkes and Sylvia Graham

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Chris Osan.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Chris Osan requested a motion to approve the previous month's regular meeting minutes. Vice Chairperson Robyn Lane made the motion to approve, and Michelle Cherry seconded. The motion passed unanimously 6-0.

Announcements

The next Porter County Board of Health meeting is scheduled for August 4th in the Commissioners' Chambers of the Porter County Administration Building in Valparaiso.

New Business

PCACS balance and strength yoga asked for \$8,000 for a year to continue their classes that are currently serving individuals ages 30–95. They are showing great retention in class members and still growing with new participants daily. The transportation provided for these classes is being utilized. There has been good feedback and testimonials from class participants regarding the benefits of these exercises and the improvements to their health. Dr. Osan requested a motion to approve. Dr. Boxum made the motion to approve, Robyn seconded, and it passed unanimously 6-0 by roll-call vote.

Carrie Honeycutt recapped the Porter County Health Fair that took place on June 12th at Central Park in Valpo. It grew in vendors, participation, and attendees from last year. The Porter County Health Department stayed under budget for this event. School physicals, backpack handouts, heart scans, CPR, dental education, face painting, and food trucks were among the highlights.

Old Business

None.

Reports of Board Attorney

Attorney Dave Hollenbeck thanked everyone's acceptance of Attorney Colby Barkes. They will continue to work as a team. The two ordinances that were approved regarding fees and mobile tattoo parlor regulation will be on the Commissioners' agenda for the 14th. They have been working on a few cases together, including an unfit for human habitation that the environmental department assisted with.

Claims & Receipts

Dr. Chris Osan requested a motion to approve the claims and receipts. Dr. Brunt made the motion to approve, Dr. Boxum seconded. The motion passed unanimously 6-0.

Reports of Committees, Staff, and Health Officer

Dr. Guimont briefly discussed funds and purchases regarding the 2027 PHEP grant and the bioterrorism response draft that reflected Jeff's tabletop exercise "Operation Chemtrail".

D.O.N. Jessica Malher reported to NACCHO on the Porter County Health Department's blood pressure monitoring.

Kris Contrino, Porter County grant specialist, asked for a letter of support for the NWI Food Council for their grant application that would benefit First Things First Market Mama's food program allowing for more funds for fresh food from participating farmers markets. Dr. Osan asked for a motion to approve. Robyn made the motion, Michelle seconded, and the motion passed unanimously 6-0.

Miscellaneous

None.

Public Comment

None.

Meeting Adjourned