



Barry-Eaton District Health Department

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Minutes of the Barry-Eaton District Board of Health
September 19, 2025
330 W. Woodlawn Ave, Hastings, MI 49058
1:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order	The meeting was called to order by Chair Getty at 1:00 pm
2. Attendance Roll Call	Board Members Present: Commissioner Catherine Getty, Commissioner Jim Mott, Commissioner Jane Whitacre, Commissioner Bob Tuenessen, and Commissioner Bruce Campbell. Staff Present: Colette Scrimger (Health Officer), Rebekah Condon (Operations Manager).
3. Motion to Approve the Agenda	Motion by Commissioner Mott, Supported by Commissioner Tuenessen to approve the agenda as provided. All ayes, motion carried.
4. Approve the August 15, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes (ACTION)	Motion by Commissioner Mott, Supported by Commissioner Campbell to approve the August 15, 2025 meeting minutes as provided. All ayes, motion carried.
5. Approve the August 26, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes (ACTION)	Motion by Commissioner Tuenessen, Supported by Commissioner Campbell to approve the August 26, 2025 meeting minutes as provided. All ayes, motion carried.
6. Limited Public Comment	None
7. Health Officers Report	a. Closed Session – Consideration of incoming Health Officer Contract (ACTION) Commissioner Whitacre moved to enter closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(h) to discuss written legal opinion from counsel (exempt from disclosure per MCL 15.243(1)(g)). Commissioner Tuenessen seconded. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Catherine Getty: Aye Commissioner Jane Whitacre: Aye Commissioner Jim Mott: Aye Commissioner Bob Tuenessen: Aye



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Commissioner Bruce Campbell: Aye

Motion by Commissioner Tuenessen, Supported by Commissioner Getty to exit closed session. All Ayes, motion carried.

Closed Session - Commissioner Tuenessen moved to enter closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(f) to review confidential employment application as the applicant requested consideration in closed session in accordance with the statute. Commissioner Mott seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Catherine Getty: Aye

Commissioner Jane Whitacre: Aye

Commissioner Jim Mott: Aye

Commissioner Bob Tuenessen: Aye

Commissioner Bruce Campbell: Aye

Motion by Commissioner Tuenessen, Supported by Commissioner Mott to exit closed session. All Ayes, Motion passes.

Motion by Commissioner Tuenessen for the Board to authorize Commissioner Getty to work with legal counsel to finalize incoming health officer contract as discussed in closed session and to execute the same on behalf of the Board. Supported by Commissioner Mott.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Catherine Getty: Aye

Commissioner Jane Whitacre: Aye

Commissioner Jim Mott: Aye

Commissioner Bob Tuenessen: Aye

Commissioner Bruce Campbell: Aye

b. Union Negotiations (ACTION)



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Colette Scrimger briefed the Board on upcoming health insurance premium changes. Rebekah Condon will negotiate with the Union to redesign the health insurance plan in response to rising costs.

c. **FY26 Proposed Fee Schedules, Staffing and Budget (ACTION)**

Colette Scrimger presented the FY26 proposals. Following extensive discussion with board members and legal counsel:

Motion by Commissioner Tuenessen, Supported by Commissioner Mott to approve staffing table, budget, and phased fee schedule implementation:

- 20% increase: October 1 - December 31, 2025
- 50% increase: January 1, 2026 forward
- Fund balance authorized for October-December subsidy
- Rebekah Condon directed to coordinate with Barry County Manager on mitigation plan for January increases

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Catherine Getty: Aye

Commissioner Jane Whitacre: Aye

Commissioner Jim Mott: Aye

Commissioner Bob Tuenessen: Aye

Commissioner Bruce Campbell: Aye

d. **Federal/State Budget Update (ACTION)**

Colette Scrimger reported potential federal and state government shutdown on October 1st. She presented contingency planning and requested fund balance authorization for operational continuity.

Commissioner Whitacre moved to authorize fund balance use for operations through October 15, 2025 in event of government shutdown. Commissioner Campbell seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Catherine Getty: Aye

Commissioner Jane Whitacre: Aye



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	Commissioner Jim Mott: Aye Commissioner Bob Tuenessen: Aye Commissioner Bruce Campbell: Aye
8. Finance Report	a. Review of the Monthly Financial Statement Colette Scrimger gave a financial update, including an overview of the quarterly budget amendments. b. Approve Payables in the Amount of \$571,607.83 (ACTION) Motion by Commissioner Tuenessen, Supported by Commissioner Whitacre to approve the payables. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Catherine Getty: Aye Commissioner Jane Whitacre: Aye Commissioner Jim Mott: Aye Commissioner Bob Tuenessen: Aye Commissioner Bruce Campbell: Aye
9. Other Business	The Board recognized Colette's 27 years of service and leadership at BEDHD. Members expressed appreciation for her dedication to the community and her guidance during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Board extended best wishes for her retirement.
10. Adjournment	Chairperson Getty adjourned the meeting at 1530

Catherine Getty, Chair  Rebekah Condon, Health Officer 

NEXT MEETING: October 17, 2025 in CHARLOTTE, MI

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