Jefferson County Board of Health

Minutes of April 27, 2026 Special Meeting

Board Members Present:
Brandon Blake (Chair) (remote)
Karen Bailey-Chapman (Vice-Chair) (remote)
Laura Knott
Ann Smith (remote)
Dan Caprio (remote)

Board Members Absent:
Jack Hefestay (County Commissioner, Ex-Officio Member)

Also Present:
Terrence Reidy (Health Officer)
Brandon Rhodes (Administrator)
Alexis Davy (Sanitarian Supervisor) (remote)
Krista Allison (Office Assistant)
Steve Pearson

Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order by Brandon Blake at 8:36 AM

Review of Agenda: The agenda was not changed.

Public Comment: None

Personnel Issues

- Discussion on personnel issues (Executive Session to discuss personnel issues)
  8:37 Went into Executive Session
  9:03 returned from executive session

Open Health Officer Position

- Discussion of Health Officer Position

Brandon Rhodes confirmed that only one candidate has applied and has been interviewed by the Administrator and Health Officer and then by Board members Brandon Blake and Ann Smith. The candidate has been with the Jefferson County Health Department.

Ann Smith made a motion to "Appoint Leah Oxendine effective May 1st as the interim Health Officer and advance to become the Health Officer on July 1 after Dr. Reidy's term expires". Motion seconded by Karen Bailey-Chapman, motion passed (5-0).

Environmental Health Fees

- Discuss Environmental Health Fees

The proposed rate increases for Environmental Health Fees were posted for 30 days for public comment. No public comments were received.

Ann Smith made a motion to "Approve the fees that were publicly noted and send them on to the County Commission for final approval". Second by Karen Bailey-Chapman. Motion approved (5-0).

The County Commission will be asked to consider this at a Special Session (the regularly scheduled May 7 meeting has been canceled).

Ann Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Laura Knott, motion approved (5-0).

The meeting adjourned at 9:11 AM.

Next Regular Meeting May 8, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

Terrence Reidy, MD, MPH
Health Officer