



Macon County  
Public Health

**MACON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH  
MINUTES  
12/16/2025**

**Members:**

Garrett Higdon-Engineer/Chair, John Shearl-County Commissioner, Barry Breeden-County Commissioner/ Optometrist position, Dr. Roy Lenz- Veterinarian, Cortney Patrick- Pharmacist, Dr. Matt Corbin- Dentist/Vice Chair, Angela Stone- Nurse Representative, Dr. Nathan (Don) Feibelman III- General Public, Steve Grissim- General Public, Dr. Michael Toedt- Physician, Ava Ammons- General Public.

**Members Absent:**

Ava Ammons, Cortney Patrick, Steve Grissim and Dr. Nathan (Don) Feibelman

**Staff Present:**

Tammy Keezer, Christina Stamey and Melissa Setzer

**Guests:**

Eric Ridenour- County Attorney

**Media:**

Shelby Powell (The Franklin Press)

**Call to Order:**

Garrett Higdon called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda:**

After calling the meeting to order, Garrett Higdon asked for approval of the agenda. Matt Corbin made a motion to approve the agenda. Angie Stone seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 6:41pm.

**Welcome/Intro/  
Departures/  
Recognition/  
Announcements:**

Tammy Keezer made the following announcements:

- Kimberly Dills will begin employment as the CHSA Director on January 12, 2026.
- Jimmy Villiard's last day was Friday, Dec. 12. For now, the Health Education, Preparedness, MountainWise, Dental, and Animal Services employees are reporting directly to Tammy Keezer. MCPH finalized the contract with Dr. Lenzo and he is assisting with some oversight of the shelter for 8 hrs. per week.
- MCPH finalized a contract for coverage while the lab director is on medical leave. Melissa Leatherman who retired in 2019 will be providing coverage beginning in January 2026 through the end of March 2026.
- There were completed interviews last week for the Medical Office Assistant position in the clinic and have extended an offer pending background checks.
- There are interviews scheduled this week for Processing Assistant III positions in the front office area, Administrative Secretary III in Environmental Health, and Environmental Health Specialist, and Environmental Health Program Specialist.
- Tammy Keezer is also waiting for approval from the REHS Board to promote one of our Environmental Health Technicians to an Environmental Health Associate. If we can get approval, this will be the first time Macon County has had someone in this classification that can conduct inspections and issue permits under the director of a REHS.
- The staff participated in the holiday events and activities. Tammy Keezer asked if the board members have not had a chance to walk-through the building and see the door and hallway decorations, please do so before you leave this evening.
- The new Molar Roller has been set-up at Cartoogechaye Elementary School and we plan to see our first patient in the new unit January 2026.
- Tammy Keezer explained to the current Board of Health members that they were reappointed to the CHSA Board at the BOCC meeting last week and will take your oaths at the January 27, 2025 meeting. You will also need to reappoint or elect a chair and vice-chair. The BOCC is expecting you all to help recruit the remaining members consisting of a social worker, psychologist, optometrist, and 1 consumer of human services. The application is on the county website and the deadline is January 6<sup>th</sup>. If the vacancies are not filled, the board will be able to continue. The new quorum will be 8.

**Public Comment:** None

1. **Presentation:** None

2. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Dr. Michael Toedt made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Matt Corbin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 6:42 pm.

3. **Old Business:** None

4. **New Business:**

Annual Holiday Meal/Social: The Board of Health had no business to discuss. The board decided to adjourn and use this time to socialize and enjoy a Holiday Meal. Tammy Keezer thanked all of the members for donating their time and dedication to our community.

5. **Requested Agenda / Discussion Items:** None

6. **Closed Session:** None  
(If necessary, according to N.C. Statute G.S. 143-318.11)

**Adjournment:** Barry Breeden made a motion to adjourn. John Shear� seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously at 6:47 pm.

**Next Meeting Date:** January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Minutes Recorded by:** Christina Stamey