

GARFIELD COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2025

The monthly meeting of the Garfield County Public Health District was called to order at 10:02a.m. in person and via call in go to meeting. Present via call in go to meeting and in person were Larry Ledgerwood vice chair serving as Chair, Martha Lanman, Justin Dixon, Patty Blachly, Patti Weaver, Heidi Berthoud, Alesia Ruchert, Vonni Mulrony, Chelsey Eaton, Dr. Guffey, and Laura Dixon. No public comment. The May 19th minutes were presented for approval, along with the vouchers, June payroll and May financial report. Patti Weaver moved, Patty Blachly seconded, and it was passed to approve the minutes, vouchers (116942 to 116973 in the amount of \$111,080.65), June 10th payroll in the amount of \$31,320.10 and the May 2025 financial report were passed to approve.

MONTHLY			
	Century LinkLD	4221 Telephone	
116942	Century Link Basic	4221 Telephone	82.67
116943	Kelley Create	3163 Printed Material	77.89
116944	Garfield Co Public Works	4863 Equipment Maint	1,709.05
119945	Inland Cellular	4221 Telephone	40.70
116946	US Postal Service	4222 Postage	0.69
June Invoices			
116947	Jackie Tetrick	4300 Travel	324.60
116948	Chelsey Eaton	4300 Travel/3110 Office Supplies	233.49
116949	Laura Dixon		156.80
116950	Alesia Ruchert	4300 Travel	91.00
116951	Bank of Eastern Oregon-CE	4300 Travel/4221 Phone/3125 ProgSupp/4978 Subsrip/3110 Office Sup	2,157.45
116952	Bank of Eastern Oregon-LD	3125 Program Supplies/4221 Phone/4978 Subscriptions	906.22
116953	Bank of Eastern Oregon-ML	3125 Program Supplies	1,972.32
116954	Bank of Eastern Oregon-JT	4300 Travel/4979 Registration	450.00
116955	Bank of Eastern Oregon-ES	3125 Program Supplies/4978 Subscriptions	1,231.75
116956	Quill	3110 Office Supplies	160.72
116957	Heidi Berthoud Consulting	4199 Professional Services	6,882.50
116958	Chris's Professional Electric	4199 Professional Services	36,400.00
116959	Lamar Companies	4400 Advertising	570.00
116960	QBH	4199 Professional Services	7,733.39
116961	WSALPHO	4978 Subscriptions	348.46
116962	Sarrah Steele	3125 Program Supplies	570.00
116963	Pomeroy East Washingtonian	4400 Advertising	403.25
116964	Meyers Hardware	3125 Program Supplies/3110 Office Supplies	61.22
116965	Garfield Co Emergency Management	3125 Program Supplies	20,000.00
116966	Young Innovations	3125 Program Supplies	1,183.45
116967	Jackery Inc	3125 Program Supplies	15,436.68
116968	Postmaster	4978 Subscriptions	188.00

116969	ArtBeat Inc	3125 Program Supplies	1,490.00
116970	Garfield Co Food Bank	3125 Program Supplies	181.87
116971	United States Treasury	20.00 Benefits	13.88
116972	Propaganda Creative	4199 Professional Services	9,800.00
116973	Printcraft Printing	3121 Printed Material	222.60
		TOTAL	111,080.65

Old Business: FPHS update: They have announced a 12 million dollar cut to the total of FPHS funds, they are still discussing how to ration that reduction across the jurisdictions. We should know more next week. SEWAAH update: SEWAAH and Public Health will be partnering to replace the ADA steps at the city pool, this needs to be done before the pool can open, should be finished for an on time opening. Childcare update: Thank you to the county commissioners for the seed money so the connection could start paying bills and getting reimbursements from their grant. Alesia reported that they are 70-80% done with engineer design, once it is complete they will be ready to apply for construction grants. They took possession of the building on May 30th. Will continue grant work to keep moving forward. Alesia is putting together a regional meeting with other childcare partners that are at different stages of childcare development in their communities for story sharing of the good and the ugly. The first meeting is June 17th in Dayton. The recent town hall was poorly attended but there was good information shared. They are also putting together two advisory groups a parent group and an employer group. The only feed back we have heard so far is some concern about it being an old funeral home, but our message focusing on telling people on how amazing the building is and what a gift it is to have received the perfect blank space.

New Business: Dr. Guffey updated us that a new Secretary of Health has been hired and that a lot of staff will be leaving DOH on June 30th including her position as a regional health officer. She suggested that with all the federal changes that we focus on being a reliable source of information for our community. We thanked Dr. Guffey for all her help the past few months and we are hopeful that we can find away to retain her as our future health officer. We then reviewed our CHIP with our contractor Heidi and Chelsey. We expressed our thanks to Heidi for all her hard work and we are looking forward to the next steps in the process. We will be hosting our data walks on the 26th and 27th and would love to have everyone attend.

Resolution 2025-12 to review and approve the contract with Jackery Inc for 10 backup batteries with solar panels for charging, it was moved by Justin Dixon and seconded by Patty Blachy to approve the amended contract.

Resolution 2025-13 to review and approve the contract with Propaganda Creative for partnership with Columbia county and putting together our resource website, it was moved by Justin Dixon and seconded by Vonni Mulrony and passed to approve the resolution.

The next meeting will be Monday June 26th at 10am.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Dixon
Assistant Administrative Secretary

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