

WEST WHARTON COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
January 5, 2026

A Meeting of West Wharton County Hospital District was held at 12 p.m. in the Hospital Conference Room of El Campo Memorial Hospital in El Campo, Texas and the following Board Members were present: Steve Cooper, President; Richard Kerzee, Vice President, Anthony Cisneros, Secretary; Travis Cobb, Treasurer, Cuatro Strack, Patricia Korenek, Sean Bowers, Sherrie Hardin, and Rick Graff.

The Board Member absent was Susanna Ozuna.

Others attending were Johnny Thompson, WWCHD Administrator, Heidi Dine, WWCHD Financial Manager, Brett Kirkham, MCHS Chief Executive Officer, Irma Rocha, MCHS Senior Administrative Assistant, and Carrie Cornett, MCHS Chief Financial Officer.

Attending by Zoom: None

- I. Upon determining that a quorum was present, Mr. Cooper, President, called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. It was noted that the agenda was properly posted on the WWCHD web page, at the County Clerk's office, the hospital web page, the front entrance of the hospital and Mid Coast Medical Clinic at 10:00 a.m. on December 30, 2025.
- II. The US and Texas pledges were said.
- III. The invocation was given by Sherrie Hardin.
- IV. Announcements/Public Comments (Presenters will be limited to 3 minutes and the Board is not required to respond to any items presented): None
- V. Review and Approval of the December 1, 2025 Board Minutes: Cuatro Strack made a motion with a second by Rick Graff to approve the minutes. The motion carried.
- VI. Administrator's General Report/Financial Presentation for November 2025 was given by Johnny Thompson. Mr. Thompson presented the cash report and stated that WWCHD was still on track to meet the bank's cash covenant. Mr. Thompson gave a legal report. He stated that the Remarkable Bankruptcy case was on it's third run in front of the judge and that this should be the last time. He also stated that our attorney's were waiting on the THI side for the appeal. Mr. Thompson has sent out RFP's for investments. He also told the board that all of WWCHD's nurses licenses are current and that is something that he checks on a regular basis. He informed the board that WWCHD had not received all of the IGT funds for Y8 for Southern Oaks. He has a meeting with Trent Krienke (attorney) to discuss. Mr. Thompson also told the board that WWCHD would be reimbursing El Campo Memorial Hospital for tree trimming services and to power wash the hospital. Travis Cobb made a motion to accept the November 2025 Financial Statements as presented, with a second by Patricia Korenek. The motion carried.
- VII. Old Business
 - a. Pamela Hunt reminded the board about Coffee with the Cops on January 27, 2026. WWCHD will be sponsoring it. She said that First State Bank would be sponsoring Coffee with the Cops in February. Mrs. Hunt stated that the 12 Days of Christmas was a success. She also said that the ECMH Staff Christmas Party was well attended. The Cindy Pope, Dennis & Cynthia Pope Mammography Room Dedication and Donor Wall

Reveal was a great success and very well attended. Mrs. Hunt also stated that she is working on grants for ECMH.

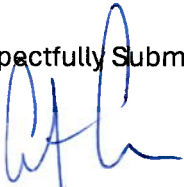
- b. Update on El Campo Memorial Hospital – Brett Kirkham gave an update on ECMH. He stated that ERTC had been received. ECMH now has 30 days of cash on hand. He stated that the survey went well for the most part. There were some Life Safety dings that were unconditional. Overall, ECMH passed the survey and will be good for 3 years. Mr. Kirkham stated that Gallagher had come to ECMH and that he needed to get the assessment report from them. ECMH will need to send out RFP's for redoing the ER floors, repairing in-ground tanks and HVAC repairs/dehumidifiers in the ER. He also stated that the elevator was not working in the MOB.

VIII. New Business

- a. Mr. Cooper discussed the Indigent Support for \$800K to ECMH. He also discussed the Palacios Community Medical Center Indigent Support. Carrie Cornett said she was working on getting support for these numbers.
 - b. Mr. Cooper asked for discussion about Strategic Planning for ECMH. He asked the board to consider holding joint meetings with the ECMH Board. It was suggested that this be done quarterly.
 - c. Mr. Cooper said he invited Karen Middlebrook to the February meeting.
- IX. Executive Session – There was no Executive Session held.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rick Graff, seconded by Patricia Korenek and the meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Anthony Cisneros, Secretary