WEST WHARTON COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
September 8, 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. The following Board Members were present: Steve Cooper, President, Anthony Cisneros, Secretary, Travis Cobb, Treasurer, Cuatro Strack, Patricia Korenek, Sean Bowers, Sherrie Hardin, Rick Graff, Susanna Ozuna and Karen Middlebrook.

The Board Member absent was Richard Kerzee.

Others attending were Johnny Thompson, WWCHD Administrator, Heidi Dine, WWCHD Financial Manager, Brett Kirkham, MCHS CEO, Carrie Cornett, MCHS CFO, Irma Rocha, MCHS Senior Administrative Assistant and Pamela Hunt, El Campo Medical Foundation.

Attending by Zoom: None.

I. Upon determining that a quorum was present, Mr. Cooper, President, called the meeting to order at 12:00 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 September 3rd, 2026.

II. The US and Texas pledges were said.

III. The invocation was given by Cuatro Strack.

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 August 3, 2026 meeting minutes and the August 20, 2026 special board meeting minutes: Patricia Korenek made a motion with a second by Rick Graff to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

VI. A motion was made by Cuatro Strack and seconded by Anthony Cisneros to adopt the tax rate of $0.23210. All board members present voted for this tax rate.

VII. Travis Skinner and Cheyenne Tanner with Forvis Mazars presented the WWCHD FYE 2026 Audit to the board. Mr. Skinner also talked about Rural Healthcare transformation, Medicare Advantage and other Medicare Supplemental programs. Ms. Tanner gave the audit presentation. She said there were no significant findings.

VIII. Administrator's General Report/Financial Presentation was given by Johnny Thompson.

a. Mr. Thompson presented the September 2026 cash report and the July 2026 Financial Statements. He stated that the September 2026 cash is $30M with $10.2M as the banking debt covenant. By the end of December 2026, the projected cash should be $34M with a $15M banking debt covenant. Anthony Cisneros made a motion to accept the cash report and financial statements, subject to audit. Patricia Korenek seconded the motion. The motion carried.

b. Mr. Thompson presented an updated cash resolution with a balance of $15M maintained at Prosperity Bank with excess funds going to I/S, Renovation of ECMH and/or future healthcare facilities. Cuatro Strack made a motion to accept this updated resolution with a second by Rick Graff. The motion carried.

c. Mr. Thompson asked the WWCHD Board to consider a loan to Palacios Community Medical Center for $650k with 7.5% interest. This is for a HHSC recoupment. This discussion was tabled until the next meeting.
d. Mr. Thompson discussed new information concerning the Tikva sale for 3 facilities. He stated that he had talked to Jared Elliott and felt like he was telling the truth in saying that Joe Neuman had nothing to do with Tikva. Travis Cobb made a motion to approve the sale of Madisonville, Rose Trail and Petal Hill to Tikva. Cuatro Strack seconded the motion. The motion passed.
e/f. Mr. Thompson presented the HUD approval for The Enclave (Touchstone) and the sale of Creative facilities to OPCO (Beltline, Fair Park, Honey Grove, Mullican, Rockwall, University Rehab, Vintage and Whitesboro) on October 1, 2026. Cuatro Strack made a motion to approve these transactions with a second by Travis Cobb. The motion passed.

IX. Old Business
a. Steve Cooper and Johnny Thompson discussed the ECMH repairs, maintenance and renovations. The signs at ECMH have been completed. They are working on a more detailed RFQ. An RFP for a construction manager will follow. Mr. Cooper stated that he was working on quotes for the sewer line replacement and a new grease trap for the kitchen.
b. Mr. Cooper presented the approved quote for the Caterpillar generator for $388K. Travis Cobb made a motion to approve the quote with a second by Rick Graff. The motion passed.
c. Mr. Cooper discussed supporting ECMH with sponsorship. This discussion was tabled last meeting. Sean Bowers made a motion to approve the support of ECMH. Travis Cobb seconded the motion. The motion passed.

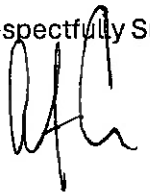
X. New Business
a. Mr. Cooper discussed how WWCHD was going to fund ECMH projects. He stated that there would need to be a budget – based on semantics. He stated that this would be discussed further in the future.
b. Mr. Thompson presented the board with the option to purchase the MRI Trailer that is currently at ECMH. He stated that it would cost $55K and this would include a maintenance agreement. Travis Cobb made a motion to approve this purchase with a second by Rick Graff. The motion passed.
c. Mr. Cooper discussed giving the renovation committee the authority to approve the sewer/water line repairs up to $300K. Travis Cobb made a motion to approve this with a second, by Rick Graff. The motion passed.
d. Pamela Hunt gave a brief update on the ECMH awards to the employees. She stated that there were 738 years combined with the employees that were getting the awards.
e. Brett Kirkham gave an update on ECMH. He stated that all grants had been submitted and that they were waiting for replies. He said that they were talking to an independent ortho surgeon. He stated that ECMH should be getting about $3.4M in UC funds.

XI. There was no executive session held.

XII. There was no additional new business to discuss.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Anthony Cisneros, seconded by Travis Cobb and the meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Anthony Cisneros, Secretary