

WEST WHARTON COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
July 6, 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, Anthony Cisneros, Secretary, Cuatro Strack, Patricia Korenek, Sean Bowers, Sherrie Hardin, Rick Graff and Karen Middlebrook.

The Board Members absent were Richard Kerzee, Travis Cobb and Susanna Ozuna.

Others attending were Johnny Thompson, WWCHD Administrator, Heidi Dine, WWCHD Financial Manager, Brett Kirkham, MCHS CEO, Irma Rocha, MCHS Senior Administrative Assistant, Natasha Rendon, MCHS Administrative Intern, Kristina Fox, TCDRS and Steve Curry, Herman Coronado, and Alan Fritsche with Curry Boudreaux.

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 June 30th, 2026.
- II. The US and Texas pledges were said.
- III. The invocation was given by Rick Graff.
- 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 June 1, 2026 meeting minutes: Patricia Korenek made a motion with a second by Sean Bowers to approve the minutes. The motion carried.
- VI. Kristina Fox with TCDRS gave a presentation and answered questions about the retirement plan available to the WWCHD employees.
- VII. Steve Curry and his team from Curry Boudreaux gave a presentation and answered questions about the proposal for architect and engineering services for the El Campo Memorial Hospital renovations.
- VIII. Administrator's General Report/Financial Presentation for May 2026 was given by Johnny Thompson. Mr. Thompson presented the cash report and the May 2026 Financial Statements. He stated that the financials look different due to the nursing facility's information being put in. He said that Prosperity Bank wanted to see the financials look more like the auditor's report. Cuatro Strack made a motion to accept the Cash/Financials Statements as presented. Patricia Korenek seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Thompson asked the board to approve company credit cards from Prosperity Bank and to make him the administrator. Sean Bowers made a motion with a second by Anthony Cisneros to approve company credit cards and to make Mr. Thompson the administrator. The motion carried. Mr. Thompson asked the board to approve the Curry Boudreaux proposal. Rick Graff made a motion, with a second by Patricia Korenek. The motion carried. Mr. Thompson gave an update on the THI lawsuit. He stated that as of right now, our counsel had received notice that the 13th Judicial District Court had denied oral arguments. The appeal will be completed strictly on

contract law. Mr. Thompson told the board that he was meeting with HHSC on July 14th. He will be the main contact for the QIPP program. Mr. Thompson also mentioned that WWCHD needed to consider the reinstatement of the I/S payment to ECMH. The vote to approve the TCDRS plan was tabled until the next meeting.

IX. Old Business

- a. There were no RFQ/Architect updates.
- b. Brett Kirkham said the new signs were being put up. The sign at the clinic has been completed. He stated that they planned to put up another sign at the 4-way stop. The hospital sign is still under construction.
- c. Steve Cooper briefly discussed the lease between WWCHD and ECMH. He said at some point the lease will need to be renegotiated.
- d. Steve Cooper informed the board that WWCHD had helped ECMH/MCHS settle the lease for the BCI location. This was settled for \$350,000.00.

X. New Business

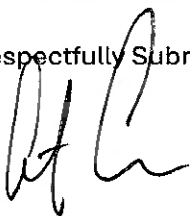
- a. Steve Cooper asked the board to vote on an amendment of a previous vote on the process of approving new facilities. The number of facilities will stay at 125. He stated that any new facilities or partners needed to be fully and properly vetted and presented to the board for approval. Steve Cooper made a motion to accept this amendment, with a second by Anthony Cisneros. The motion carried.
- b. Pamela Hunt was not present so no update on ECMH/ECMF was given.
- c. Brett Kirkham gave an update on ECMH. He stated that the May census was about the same as 2025. He said that ECMH should hear something about the many grants that they had submitted by the middle to the end of July. Mr. Kirkham said that they have hired a pharmacy director. Mr. Kirkham shared that the owners of the clinic were in the process of doing outside repairs on the building.

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 Rick Graff, seconded by Sherrie Hardin and the meeting adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Anthony Cisneros, Secretary