

WEST WHARTON COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
February 10, 2026

A Meeting of West Wharton County Hospital District was held at 5:30 p.m. at 201 S. Mechanic St. in El Campo, Texas. The following Board Members were present: Steve Cooper, President, Anthony Cisneros, Secretary, Travis Cobb, Treasurer, Cuatro Strack, Sean Bowers, Rick Graff, Susanna Ozuna and Karen Middlebrook.

The Board Members absent were Richard Kerzee, Patricia Korenek, and Sherrie Hardin.

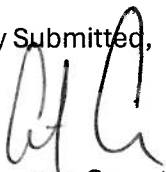
Others attending were Johnny Thompson, WWCHD Administrator, Heidi Dine, WWCHD Financial Manager, Brett Kirkham, MCHS Chief Executive Officer, Pamela Hunt, El Campo Medical Foundation, and Bill Russell and Amy Mabray with Sprouse, Shrader, Smith PLLC.

Attending by Zoom: None

- I. Upon determining that a quorum was present, Mr. Cooper, President, called the meeting to order at 5:34 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 February 5, 2026.
- II. The US and Texas pledges were said.
- III. The invocation was given by Karen Middlebrook.
- 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. Brett Kirkham updated the board about the findings of the Gallagher Group. He stated that the hospital is a 1978 building. Gallagher gave expert advice on how to prioritize needs. He stated that the cost would be \$10M for renovations and \$2M in soft costs. The generator, HVAC and plumbing are a few of the areas that need renovations. Johnny Thompson said there would need to be WWCHD board approval for these renovations. Mr. Thompson also is working on an RFQ with Fletcher Brown for these renovations. The Project Delivery Method will be CMAR – Construction Manager At Risk.
The process will be:
 1. Hire an Architect – there will be an interview process
 2. Hire a Contractor – there will be no owners rep or sealed bidsA motion was made by Karen Middlebrook and seconded by Cuatro Strack to present an RFQ and move forward with renovations of the existing El Campo Memorial Hospital.
- VI. Executive Session – At 6:12 pm, the WWCHD Board went into an Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Codes 418.183(f), 551.071, 551.072, 551.0725, 551.074, 551.076 and 551.085. The executive session ended at 7:19 pm and the Board returned to the regular meeting at that time. There was no further action needed.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rick Graff, seconded by Travis Cobb and the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Anthony Cisneros, Secretary