

WEST WHARTON COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
February 2, 2026

A Meeting of West Wharton County Hospital District was held at 5:30 p.m. at the Freeway location, 25000 Hwy 59 in El Campo, Texas. The following Board Members were present: Steve Cooper, President, Anthony Cisneros, Secretary, Cuatro Strack, Patricia Korenek, Sean Bowers, Sherrie Hardin, Susanna Ozuna, and Karen Middlebrook.

The Board Members absent were Travis Cobb, Richard Kerzee and Rick Graff.

Others attending were Johnny Thompson, WWCHD Administrator, Brett Kirkham, MCHS Chief Executive Officer, Irma Rocha, MCHS Senior Administrative Assistant, Carrie Cornett, MCHS Chief Financial Officer, Jeff Fuechec, FFB, Pamela Hunt, El Campo Medical Foundation, Kim Cooper, El Campo Medical Foundation, Ricky Chisumn, ECMH Board, Melissa Erwin, ECMH Board, Becky Von Der Au, El Campo Medical Foundation and Dianne Appling, 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 5:40 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 January 22, 2026.
- 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. Presentation made by the Gallagher Group and EMA Engineering.
Highlights of the presentation included a tier priority list of items, first being AC, followed by generator and plumbing of El Campo Memorial Hospital. A facility built in 1978 and approximately 50,000 sq ft. Estimated cost \$ 10M plus 25% soft cost.
Also noted that if a section of the building was updated, then HHSC would require all portions of such section to be brought up to code. The facility is currently grandfathered due to the original construction period.
After the presentation, Brett Kirkham also mentioned the desire to expand the emergency room section. It was also discussed the need to install a sprinkler system to the remaining portion of the building.
Next steps will be to get legal advice, as a government entity, to select a general contractor. Fletcher Brown has been requested to provide next steps.
- VI. 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 Cuatro Strack, seconded by Patricia Korenek and the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Anthony Cisneros, Secretary