

ATTENDANCE

Board of Directors

Betty Lyon
John Schmidt
Ray O'Brien
William (Bill) Albus

Absent

Matt Patterson

Hospital Administration

Kody Kitchens CEO
Grant Turner COO, CNO

Guests

Maggie Ramon

Minutes Taker

Mary McKnight

1. Opening

- a. Quorum present
 - i. Meeting called to order 5:02 p.m.
- b. Invocation led by Bill Albus.
- c. Public Comments
 - i. None
- d. Review and Consider Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - i. Motion made to approve the September 17, 2025; regular session meeting minutes as read. Motion seconded. Three (3) votes in favor of approving minutes; zero (0) votes against. Motion passed; minutes approved as corrected.

2. Matters for Discussion and/or Action

- a. Senturi 7 Computer Upgrade
 - i. Compatible with TruBridge
 - ii. Needed for mandatory reporting we are unable to report at this time.
 - iii. Two options available
 - i. First option is one-directional interface which pulls the data from our system and sends it where it needs to go. Start-up cost is \$15,600; \$193 a month and an annual renewal fee of \$15,600. It is suitable for what we need right now. Eventually we will need some add-ons to it.
 - ii. Second option is a bi-directional interface that has some extras, such as Infection Prevention, which we are not required to report yet, however, we will likely be required to report it in the next few years. Start-up cost is \$39,000; monthly fees of \$255, \$193, and another \$193. Annual renewal cost is another \$39,000.
 - iv. Kody and Grant discussed the two options and both agreed that the first option of the one-directional interface will meet our current needs until the others become mandatory.
 - v. Motion made to approve purchase of the first option of the one-directional interface system for \$15,600, \$193 a month and a \$15,600 annual renewal. Motion seconded. Three (3) votes in favor, zero (0) against. Motion passed.

- b. Durbin & Co. Engagement Letter
 - i. Motion made to approve and sign Durbin & Co. Engagement Letter. Motion was seconded. Three (3) votes in favor, zero (0) against. Motion passed.
 - ii. Durbin & Co. Engagement Letter signed at meeting and returned to Kody.

3. Reports

- a. Senior Citizen Financial Report
 - i. Monthly financial report and bank records for the Senior Citizens Center reviewed.
 - ii. Improvement in the Senior Citizens Center's finances is reported.
 - iii. Dolle Barker asked that when the current contract with the Senior Citizens Center comes up for renewal, that the hospital consider increasing its monthly donation from \$1,000 to \$2,000 to help get employees at the Senior Center health insurance.
 - iv. Current contract terminates November 30, 2025.
 - v. Item to be added to the November regular session agenda.
- b. Cochran Foundation Meals Report
 - i. The Dietary Department cooked 697 meals in September.
 - ii. Still maintaining \$5.00 or under per plate.
 - iii. No changes made to current prices charged to Cochran Foundation or Cochran Memorial Hospital employees.
- c. Clinic
 - i. ERs dropped about 50%
 - ii. Transfers were also down
 - iii. Clinic numbers are up for the month of September.
- d. EMS
 - i. Call numbers dropped.
 - ii. Sensors are out on the old bay at the EMS building; parts were ordered and replaced.
 - iii. Unit at Whiteface was unplugged, batteries were completely dead and had to be replaced.
 - iv. The trucks will be rotated out monthly.
 - v. Currently have thirteen (13) personnel on contract with EMS.
- e. Financials
 - i. Received final DY-14 payment in the amount of \$5,622,560.57 on September 25, 2025.
 - ii. Still working with Shonna Cannaday to recoup past money.
 - iii. Have not received Tax Revenue from Dixie Mendoza yet.
 - iv. CDs
 - i. \$5,600,000 was withdrawn from the operating account and placed into three (3) CDs:
 - ii. \$1,600,00 – 180-day term 3.65% APY
 - iii. \$2,000,000 – 8-month term 3.60% APY
 - iv. \$2,000,000 – 8-month term 3.60% APY
 - v. One (1) CD matured on October 3, 2025, renewed form another 8-month term at 3.5% APY
 - vi. Two (2) CDs mature on November 1, 2025.

- v. Check Registry
 - i. Line 67 Sliced Health: Company we hired to look at our billing and insurance contracts and tracks our data such as providers entering the wrong diagnosis codes and so on and shows what we are losing, which allows us to correct issues and bill correctly.
 - ii. Lines 32 & 78 US Foods: Food order twice a month
 - iii. EcoLab is our pest control service.
 - iv. Line 18: Texas Health Association: Membership dues
 - v. Line 48 Alpine Power Wash: Hood cleaning in kitchen
 - vi. Line 69: Coder for inpatient and emergency room charts.
- f. Administrator's Report
 - i. New flooring has been installed.
 - ii. New cabinets came in today.
 - iii. New sink will be installed in room between the ERs.
 - iv. New top will be installed at the nurses station.
 - v. Contractor was hired to patch some holes in the wall and ceiling and paint both ER rooms.
 - vi. Kody has applied for a grant through the State Energy Conservation Office (SECO), which would replace all the old lights throughout the entire facility with new LED lights at no cost to us.
 - vii. Phone and internet service at the EMS station was replaced with Verizon last November due to the high cost with Windstream. Over the last year Verizon has been increasing its prices for internet. September's EMS internet bill was \$927.10. That service was cancelled and replaced with Windstream. We will continue to use Verizon as the phone service provider.
 - viii. Kody, as the Investment Officer, completed the Public Funds Investment Act Training on September 24, 2025. This is required every two (2) years by the Public Funds Investment Act Policy. A copy of the Certificate of Completion was provided to the Board.
 - ix. The Cochran County Appraisal District needs nominations for their Board of Directors.
 - i. Betty Lyon, John Schmidt, Ray O'Brien, and Bill Albus were all in agreement in nominating the currently sitting Board of Directors of Scotty Simpson, Vicki Rice, Mack Ashmore, Hubert Deavours and Kenneth Ruthardt.

4. Personnel

- a. No new business

5. Open Forum

- a. Thanksgiving Lunch will be Thursday, November 13, 2025 at 1200
- b. Holiday Open House will be Thursday, December 4, 2025 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
- c. Christmas Party will be Friday, December 12, 2025 at 5:30 pm
- d. Food King Pharmacy sign is an eye sore. Recommendation was made to remove the sign and have a professional looking sign installed inside the lobby.
- e. Employees would like a flag pole installed in front of the facility. Daniel Molinar is willing to put the flag up and take it down daily. John stated if the flag has a light on it, it doesn't have to be taken down at night, as long as the light remains on.

6. Adjournment

- a. Motion made to adjourn. Motion seconded. Three (3) votes in favor; zero (0) opposed. Motion carried.
 - i. Meeting adjourned 6:14 p.m.

Cochran Memorial Hospital CEO

Date

Cochran Memorial Hospital President, Board of Directors

Date