

Cochran County Hospital District
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2026

Cochran Memorial Hospital
201 E Grant Ave
Morton, Texas 79346

ATTENDANCE

Board of Directors

Betty Lyon
John Schmidt
William (Bill) Albus
Matt Patterson
Dana Heflin

Hospital Administration

Kody Kitchens CEO
Grant Turner CNO/COO

Minutes Taker

Mary McKnight

Absent

Maggie Ramon

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 and seconded to approve the May 20, 2026, regular session meeting minutes as read. Three (3) votes in favor; zero (0) votes against. Motion carried.

2. Matters for Discussion and/or Action

- a. Fiscal Year 2025 Audit Presentation
 - i. Presentation rescheduled to the July 15, 2026, meeting.
- b. Meals on Wheels
 - i. 684 meals prepared
 - ii. Reimbursed \$4,420
 - i. Amount includes \$1,000 for non-consumables.
- c. Senior Citizen Financial Report
 - i. John reported during the Commissioners Court meeting it was reported the Senior Center's revenue exceeded their expenses.
 - ii. Matt reported the Senior Center received a grant to replace kitchen equipment.
 - iii. Bill reported the Senior Center will be closing to remodel the kitchen. During this time meals will be prepared at the Gin office.

- d. Precinct 3 Board Vacancy: possible appointment of a director to serve unexpired term.
 - i. Kody introduced Dana Heflin, the only candidate for the upcoming Precinct 3 election.
 - i. Discussion was held regarding the possible appointment of Dana to fill the Precinct 3 vacancy and serve the unexpired term of Ray O'Brien.
 - ii. Betty inquired whether there was any opposition to Dana filling the vacancy. None was voiced.
 - iii. Motion made to appoint Dana Heflin to the Precinct 3 Board of Directors seat to serve the unexpired term of Ray O'Brien. Motion seconded. Three (3) votes in favor; zero (0) against. Motion carried.
 - iv. Dana Heflin completed the Statement of Officer paperwork, which was notarized by Mary McKnight.
 - v. Dana Heflin completed the Oath of Office and was sworn in before all persons present by Mary McKnight, Notary Public.
 - vi. Upon completion of the Statement of Officer and Oath of Office, Dana Heflin joined the meeting as a member of the Board of Directors.

3. Reports

- a. Clinical
 - i. ER
 - i. Forty-nine (49) ER visits in May, up from twenty-six (26) in April
 - ii. Hospice
 - i. Had one (1) hospice patient in May.
 - iii. RHC
 - i. Visits steady.
 - iv. EMS
 - i. Calls are average for EMS.
 - ii. Roof at EMS station leaked during recent rainfalls.
 - iii. Kody reported the new truck should be delivered in the next week or two. Need to think about selling one of the older trucks once the terms of the grant have expired. John reported we would need to speak with the County Auditor to verify the terms of the grant. We also need to find a place to keep the new truck that is secure and has electrical access. We will also need to find a place to keep the vehicle we plan to purchase for the Outreach Program/First Responder vehicle for Whiteface. Bill stated one of the trucks could be stored at his shop, but that he would require a key to the truck in case he needed to move it to access and move his property. He does have electricity to plug the unit in.

iv. Matt inquired about the petition for the property to build an EMS station.

- a. Bill reported Wayne Butler stated it would be easier to do a waiver than a petition. Bill provided Butler's office with the required information. Bill spoke with the City Manager all we need is building permit, there are no zoning issues as there are none. Bill will contact Stewart to see if we can get Jay Adams to draw up a bill of sale.
- b. All board members agreed with and approved Kody having the architect begin drawing up plans for the EMS station once Bill has approval from Stewart. Upon completion of the plans Kody may begin collecting bids for construction. Period for submitting bids to be thirty (30) days.

b. Financials

i. CDs

- i. Three (3) CDs matured, totaling almost \$5,000,000.
 - a. Renewed all three (3) at 3.5% for 8 months.
 - b. Will look at spreading them out more when they mature again.
 - c. Have a CD maturing July 1, 2026. Will be moving that money into the Operating account to purchase equipment for the grants we have received.

ii. General Information

- i. Expecting Uncompensated care reimbursement in September.
- ii. Expecting \$233,000 from ATLIS in November
- iii. Expecting tax abatement in November

iii. Check Registry

- i. No inquiries made

c. Administrator's Report

- i. Applied for the Capital Improvement grant, which \$100,000. We were awarded this grant last to remodel the ER and new flooring. It is not typically awarded to the same facility two (2) years in a row, but due to low number of applications, we may receive it again. Should it be awarded again, the money will be used to resurface the back parking lot, expand the back parking, concrete the parking spaces in the front of the hospital, and replace the exterior lobby doors.
- ii. New ambulance should be in soon. County will write a check as soon as the new unit arrives. New truck has installed loading system, narcotic box, and refrigerator.

- iii. Kody is looking into a service agreement with Stryker, who manufactures the cots and loading system. This will cost \$10,000 over the eight (8) year term but will help reduce our maintenance and repair/replacement costs.
 - iv. LUCAS device was purchased for the unit, looking to purchasing a second one either for another unit or for the hospital.
 - v. Looking at new life pak to match the one on the new truck for the hospital.
 - d. Hospital Appreciation Summer Party
 - i. Date not set yet. Will be either July 11th or 25th. As soon as date is set, board members will be notified.
 - ii. Will be held at the hospital. Will have a water slide, dunking booth, cornhole tournament, and cookout.

4. Personnel

- a. The Board convened in executive session at 5:54 p.m.
- b. The Board reconvened in open session at 6:34 p.m.
- c. A motion was made to authorize Kody to offer Margarita “Maggie” Ramon a thirty (30) day severance package, plus payout of accrued PTO hours at the conclusion of the thirty (30) day period, contingent upon Maggie assisting with the transition of Whitney Soliz as her replacement. Transition assistance shall include, but not be limited to, providing Whitney with authorization and access to all facility-related online accounts to which Maggie has access. The motion was seconded. Four (4) votes in favor; zero (0) against. Motion carried.

5. Open Forum

- a. No new business

6. Adjournment

- a. Motion made to adjourn. Motion seconded. Four (4) votes in favor; zero (0) opposed. Motion carried.
 - i. Meeting adjourned 6:38 p.m.

Cochran Memorial Hospital CEO

Date

Cochran Memorial Hospital President, Board of Directors

Date

Minutes approved 07/15/2026 with following corrections: word “las” in sentence
*New truck **las** installed loading system, narcotic box, and refrigerator,*
 to be changed to has.