

Cochran Memorial Hospital District
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
August 19, 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

Guests

Whitney Soliz

Minutes Taker

Mary McKnight

1. Opening

- a. Quorum present
 - i. Meeting called to order 5:01 p.m.
- b. Invocation led by Matt Patterson
- c. Public Comments
 - i. None
- d. Review and Consider Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - i. Motion made and seconded to approve the July 15, 2026, regular session meeting minutes as read. Four (4) votes in favor; zero (0) votes against. Motion carried. Minutes approved as read.

2. Matters for Discussion and/or Action

- a. Meals on Wheels
 - i. 713 meals prepared.
 - ii. \$4,565.00 reimbursed.
- b. Senior Citizens Center
 - i. Kitchen remodel was completed and they reopened.
- c. Ambulance Service Grant
 - i. Cochran County Commissioners approved and signed the revised contract.
 - ii. Motion made to approve and sign the revised Ambulance Service Grant contract. Motion seconded. Four (4) votes in favor (0) against. Motion carried.
- d. Cochran County Appraisal District 2026 Certified Total Value Report
 - i. Questions were raised as to why City of Morton and Morton ISD values increased while everyone else's decreased. Kody stated he has emailed the appraiser questions but has not received a reply yet. Kody will email any questions the Board has to the appraiser.

- e. Delinquent Tax Roll
 - i. Delinquent Tax Roll is \$90,906.03.
 - ii. Motion made to accept the Delinquent Tax Roll. Motion seconded. Four (4) votes in favor, zero (0) against. Motion carried.
 - iii. Document signed.
- f. Appointment of Dixie Mendoza as Hospital Tax Assessor 2027 FY
 - i. Motion made to appoint Dixie Mendoza as the Hospital Tax Assessor for the 2027 FY. Motion seconded. Four (4) votes in favor, zero (0) against. Motion carried.
- g. Tax Rate Proposal for 2027 FY
 - i. No New Revenue tax rate is \$0.8593 per \$100.
 - ii. Voter approved tax rate is \$0.9767 per \$100.
 - iii. De Minimis tax rate is \$1.04 per \$100 and requires a public hearing.
 - iv. Previous tax rate was set at \$0.65 per \$100.
 - v. Concerns raised about the increase from the previous year's tax rate to the No New Revenue tax rate.
 - vi. Question raised regarding what, if anything, could be cut from the budget to avoid having to increase the tax rate to \$0.8593. Budget was reviewed and discussed. No cuts were suggested or made.
 - vii. Further discussions were held and calculations were made regarding tax rates.
 - viii. Motion was made to set the Cochran Memorial Hospital District tax rate at \$0.75 per \$100 for the 2027 FY. Motion was seconded. Four (4) votes in favor, zero (0) against. Motion carried.

3. Reports

- a. Clinical
 - i. ER
 - i. 35 ER visits in July.
 - ii. RHC
 - i. 174 patients were seen in Clinic in July.
 - iii. Inpatients
 - i. Zero (0) inpatients.
 - ii. One (1) custodial patient.
 - iv. EMS
 - i. 33 calls and 10 no transfers.
 - ii. Had some batteries that went bad, but they were under warranty and were replaced at no cost.
 - iii. AC unit on one of the trucks went out. It is in the shop for repairs and for a recall.

b. Financials

i. CDs

i. One CD matured on July 21st.

- a. When Kody went to renew the CD, he was told by the bank that they were not going to waive early redemption fees.
- b. Whole CD was cashed in and placed in the operating account.
- c. Kody did go back later and talked to them, they stated they would waive the fees this time, this would be the last time.

ii. DY15UC Payment

- a. Final numbers keep changing. Our IGT transfer will be \$6,352,845.24. We will receive a payment back of \$15,814,899.77 for a net revenue of \$9,462,054.53.
- b. State Comptroller is supposed to return our payment within twenty-four (24) days.

iii. Final Cost Report Settlement Payment

- a. Received \$302,000 on August 4, 2026.
- b. These were the payments they were recouping the first four years. It is not likely this will be recouped, but do not know for sure.

iv. ATLIS payment was sent for \$128,000 k Tax Rate Proposal for 2027 FY, \$266,366 in the next forty-five (45) days.

v. Kody will be going to the bank tomorrow to cash out some of the CDs and move the money into the operating account to pay the \$6.3 million dollar payment. The payment won't go through until September 1st, but it must be set up on the computer ahead of time.

ii. Check Registry

i. EMS Personnel

- a. Reviewed list of EMS personnel from the check registry and their roles on EMS.

ii. Question regarding two checks to the same people on the same day, for example Lines 78, 79, 80.

- a. Some of the items come from different GL numbers, requiring different
- b. Lines 78, 79, 80 specifically is because Maggie would hold the invoices for around three weeks and pay them all together, which caused some issues. Whitney pays the invoices individually as they are received.
These are also invoices that are still being sent to Maggie's email instead of Whitney's even though we have made multiple requests to the company to update the account.

c. Administrator's Report

- i. Ortho Sales Company
 - i. Lab supplies.
- ii. We did not receive the Capital Improvement Grant.
- iii. 340B recertification completed last week.
 - i. Amy is doing a great job with the program, and it has benefited the patients who use the pharmacy and the hospital as well. We have gotten between \$150,000 and \$180,000 revenue from it.
- iv. Open Meetings Act Request
 - i. July 30th received an email from Shang Wang with MIT. They were asking for a lot of records from board meetings going back to 2010 to current.
 - ii. Kody reached out to other hospital CEOs in the area received the same request. The hospital in Spearman got the same request from them.
 - iii. Kody reached out to Ann Manning via email. They sent us a \$490 for that.
 - iv. We estimated around 4,000 pages they were requesting that would have to be scanned, redact if necessary, and upload it to our website. Mary put together an estimate that gave them three options. They must respond within ten (10) business days or the request expires.
 - v. If we don't hear back from them by tomorrow morning, the time limit will have expired.
- v. Employee Retirement
 - i. Billie Jean Joyce, who has worked for the hospital for 41 years, has retired. Today was her last day. We had a luncheon in her honor.

4. Personnel

- a. The Board convened in executive session at 6:06 p.m.
- b. The Board reconvened in open session at 6:18 p.m.

5. Open Forum

6. Adjournment

- a. Motion made to adjourn. Motion seconded. Four (4) votes in favor; zero (0) opposed. Motion carried.
 - i. Meeting adjourned 6:19 p.m.

Cochran Memorial Hospital CEO

Date

Cochran Memorial Hospital President, Board of Directors

Date