

MINUTES KARNES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

July 30, 2025

The regular monthly meeting for fiscal year 2025-26 of the Karnes County Hospital District was held on July 29, 2025 with Ray Rossett, President presiding.

Present: Ray Rossett, Richard Robinson, Rita Jordan, David Purser, Gretchen Dupnik, Wilfred Dziuk, & Margie Tamez.

Absent: None

Also present: David Lee, CEO

Christina Benavides, Secretary to the Board of Directors

Vincent Sowell, Chief Nursing Officer

Barbara James, Marketing and Community Relations

Cathy Jurgiatis, RN, QA Risk Manager

Ray Rossett called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

The opening prayer was held by Richard Robinson.

Communications from the public were:

None

A motion was made by Rita Jordan and seconded by Richard Robinson to approve the minutes of 6/24/2025 with correction noted on item #4. The motion carried.

OTTO KAISER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION REPORT:

- **1.** A grant was approved this month via email.
- **2.** Barbara will provide a report on the Diabetes Grant next month.
- 3. The kid's final wellness camp of the summer will take place tomorrow.

CEO'S REPORT

- 1. An update on the land was provided. The property and environmental survey have been completed. The contract is said to close by October 1st.
- 2. An emergency disaster drill will be held on Wednesday, August 27th with ConocoPhillips at their facility.
- 3. As part of the capital improvement budget a new hospital vehicle will be purchased.
- 4. The Financials for FYE2025 were reviewed. Additionally, the work stat reports and balance sheet were presented and reviewed. Field work for the FY2025 Financial Audit will begin August 25^{th} .
- 5. An update on the construction project was given. Demo is complete in the Bonnstetter Building, and construction has begun on the new home health space.

Barbara James reported on the following:

1. Barbara shared information regarding the 50th Anniversary celebration of events. There will be a kick off on October 15th followed by a second event on October 23rd that will include representation from Texas Hospital Association. A grand finale event celebration will be on Saturday, November 1st.

KAISER WELLNESS CENTER REPORT:

The financials were provided.

KAISER FAMILY PRACTICE:

The financials and stats were provided.

KAISER HOME HEALTH:

The home health stats and financial were provided.

NURSING REPORT

Vincent Sowell presented the report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. A motion was made by Margie Tamez and seconded by Wilfred Dziuk to propose the Tax Rate of .072406/\$100. The motion carried.
- 2. A motion was made by Rita Jordan and seconded by Gretchen Dupnik to approve Philip Shirley, CRNA for Allied Privileges in Anesthesia Services. The motion carried.
- 3. A motion was made by Richard Robinson and seconded by Rita Jordan to approve Robert Browning, CRNA for Allied Privileges in Anesthesia Services. The motion carried.
- 4. A motion was made by Rita Jordan and seconded by Richard Robinson to approve the Medical Staff Report. The motion carried.
- 5. A motion was made by Wilfred Dziuk and seconded by Margie Tamez to approve the Ouarterly Investment Report as presented by David Lee. The motion carried.
- 6. Discussion was held on Health Care issues and trends related to State and Federal guidelines. David updated the Board on outcomes of the TORCH Board retreat that he attended last week. Information was provided on Texas Legislative House Bill 18; the Big Beautiful Federal Bill and its impact; and on Medicare Advantage plans and its effects on rural hospitals.

Pursuant to Section 551.074 & 551.078 of the Texas Government Code, Ray Rossett announced to enter into Executive Session at 6:49pm:

- 1. Discuss 2nd Quarter QA Review for 2025.
- 2. Review 2nd Quarter Patient Grievances for 2025.
- 3. Review 2nd Ouarter HR Report for 2025.

Ray Rossett announced to reconvene in Open Session at 7:48pm.

A motion was made by Richard Robinson and seconded by Wildred Dziuk to adjourn the meeting at 7:48pm. The motion carried.

Date

Signature