CLAY COUNTY
MEDICAL CENTER
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Board of Trustees
March 2, 2026
7:00 P.M.
Board Room

Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT
Lori Penner
Jeff Yarrow
Richard Cott
Terri Parry
Sandy Fox

OTHER PERSONS PRESENT
Austin Gillard, CEO
Carrie Lane

CALL TO ORDER

Lori Penner called the board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Lori Penner asked if there were any corrections to the board minutes from February 9, 2026. Motion made by Richard Cott, seconded by Terri Parry, to approve the board minutes. Motion carried 4-0.

AGENDA REVIEW

Add: Board Position

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to add

NEW BUSINESS

a. Bereavement Leave Policy
Austin Gillard presented an updated Bereavement Leave Policy for the board to review. Changes were needed to define three days of bereavement leave. The policy was updated to three shifts, up to 36 hours of paid leave. After discussion, motion made by Terri Parry, seconded by Sandy Fox, to approve the updated Bereavement Leave Policy. Motion carried 4-0.

b. Infection Control for Surgery Policy
Austin Gillard presented a new Infection Control for Surgery Policy for the board to review. This was approved by the Medical Executive Committee two weeks ago. After discussion with one minor change, motion made by Jeff Yarrow, seconded by Terri Parry, to approve the Infection Control for Surgery Policy. Motion carried 4-0.

c. GlideScope
Austin Gillard discussed the history of our current GlideScope used for quick intubations across a wide range of patient types and clinical settings. We mainly use this instrument in the emergency room. Our current GlideScope was purchased in 2012 and became unsupported in 2020. Over the last six years since it became unsupported, we have not had any issues, but it is time to upgrade to a new model. A new GlideScope Core system will cost $9,014. This is the most advanced airway visualization system offered for video laryngoscopy, bronchoscopy, and dual-view procedures. After discussion, motion made by Sandy Fox, seconded by Richard Cott, to approve the GlideScope Core system for $9,014. Motion carried 4-0.

d. Wireless Scanners
Austin Gillard presented a request for 16 cordless barcode scanners for an amount of $11,017.40. These scanners will be used in the ER, OB, and Surgery departments. Barcode Medication Administration continues to be a focus of ours, and we continue to hover around a 90% compliance rate. After discussion, motion made by Terri Parry, seconded by Richard Cott, to approve the 16 cordless barcode scanners for an amount of $11,017.40. Motion carried 4-0.

e. Dryers
Austin Gillard discussed the age of our current dryers in the Environmental Services department. Both

of our current dryers were installed in December 2013, and over the past year, have required numerous repairs. Given their age and increasing maintenance needs, replacement is a prudent step to ensure reliability and efficiency in our laundry operations. For two brand new On-Premises 75-lb Tumble Dryers, the cost is $16,527. The price includes the installation of the new dryers and disposal of the 13 year old dryers. After discussion, motion made by Sandy Fox, seconded by Jeff Yarrow, to approve the two brand new On-Premises 75-lb Tumble Dryers for a cost of $16,527. Motion carried 4-0.

f. Credentialing
   The board reviewed the credentialing files recommended by the Medical Executive Committee for the following:
   Courtesy Staff
   Ray House, MD - Radiology - Reappointment
   Eric Purdom, DO - ENT - Reappointment
   Lance Saville, MD - General Surgery - Reappointment
   Allied Health
   Sarah Muret, APRN - Emergency - Reappointment
   CRNA
   Scott Husted, CRNA - Anesthesiology - Reappointment
   Motion made by Sandy Fox, seconded by Terri Parry, to approve the credentialing files recommended by the Medical Executive Committee. Motion carried 4-0.
g. Board Position
   After serving more than 25 years on the Clay County Medical Center Board of Trustees, Sandy Fox will be stepping down. After discussion, motion made by Terri Parry, seconded by Richard Cott, to accept the resignation. Motion carried 3-0. Sandy Fox abstained. The board will make a suggestion to the County Commissioners to fill Sandy's spot. The board would like to express their sincere gratitude to Sandy. In a statement, Sandy said, "I am so proud to have served with a dedicated board for the past 25 years. I feel we have succeeded in making quality healthcare more accessible to the communities that we serve, as well as expanding the services we offer. I am so proud of the decisions we have made that have put CCMC on the map as a leading CAH hospital, that provides quality care and is also financially strong, because of its dedicated management team, physicians, healthcare providers, and staff, all of which are top notch."

AUSTIN GILLARD, CEO

a. Mammo Machine
   Our new MAMMOMAT B.brilliant system from Siemens is now operational. A press release will be sent out soon.
b. Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP)
   The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has now opened grant funding for two projects.
   1. REH Conversion/Transformative Capital Investment Grant Program - This grant provides facilities that are in the process of converting to Rural Emergency Hospital status with funds to make necessary facility renovations and provide facilities that have converted and other eligible providers with funds to make capital investments to transform the manner in which they serve their communities. Clay County Medical Center (CCMC) will not be applying for this grant. If CCMC were to transition to a Rural Emergency Hospital status, CCMC would have to cut all inpatient and OB services.
   2. Regional Partnership Grant Program - This grant focuses on organizations pursuing collaborative arrangements with one or more eligible providers for the purpose of transforming rural health care delivery within a region in a sustainable manner. It will enable Eligible Providers to participate in collaborative arrangements that promote preventive health and address root causes of diseases, enhance rural providers' efficiency and sustainability, attract and retain a high-skilled health care workforce, spark growth of value-based care models, and foster the use of innovative technologies. CCMC will be working with regional partners on this grant application.
c. General Update
   - Chemistry Analyzer
     Our current chemistry analyzer is going on eight years old. We are in the process of reviewing new chemistry analyzers and gathering pricing for the Cerner interface and water treatment systems.

- Patient Satisfaction Learning Community
  CCMC has been selected by the Kansas Hospital Association to help enhance our patient and family engagement process. Hospitals and clinics participating in this project will:
  Improve quality and safety; Improve patient experience scores (HCAHPS); Improve patient outcomes; and Improve employee engagement and retention. Our first meeting is on March 27 in Wichita, Kansas.
- Strategic Plan
  We need to start planning our strategic plan for the next three years. When reviewing our current strategic plan in August 2025 and again in February 2026, we have accomplished almost everything on it.
- We continue to see our KAMMCO professional liability rates increase year after year. This has been caused by the litigation industry. Advertising by the litigation industry has increased around 64% from 2017 to 2021 in Kansas. In the next two years, we will also need to purchase separate KAMMCO professional liability policies for Nurse Practitioners, just like we do for physicians, CRNAs, and Physician Assistants.
- Georgia Legislative Hearing
  Austin Gillard will be presenting at a March 10 Georgia Legislative Hearing on the administrative burden of quality reporting. He has partnered with the President of the Georgia Medical Group Management Association and KONZA Health to discuss better options through a new product CCMC, KONZA Health, and The SSI Group have developed to track various quality measures and preventative health measures.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 30 at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Austin M. Gillard