CLAY COUNTY
MEDICAL CENTER
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Board of Trustees
June 29, 2026
7:00 P.M.
Education Center

Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	OTHER PERSONS PRESENT
Lori Penner	Austin Gillard, CEO
Jeff Yarrow	Angela Kobel, CFO
Richard Cott	Jonathan Meals, Executive Assistant
Carrie Lane	Adam Crouch, CPA
Terri Parry	Abby Noll, CPA
	Heather Eichem, CPA

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 June 8, 2026. Motion made by Richard Cott, seconded by Terri Parry, to approve the board minutes with corrections. Motion carried 4-0.

AGENDA REVIEW

Nothing to add

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to add

ANGELA KOBEL, CFO

a. Cash Receipts & Disbursements for March, April, and May 2026
Angela Kobel presented the cash receipts and disbursements for March, April, and May 2026.
b. Financial Review for March, April, and May 2026
Angela Kobel presented the financials for March, April, and May 2026. After discussion, motion made by Terri Parry, seconded by Carrie Lane, to approve the cash receipts and disbursements and financials as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

a. 2025 - Audit
Adam Crouch, Abby Noll, and Heather Eichem of Wendling Noe Nelson & Johnson presented the 2025 Independent Auditor's Report. After discussion, motion made by Jeff Yarrow, seconded by Richard Cott, to approve the 2025 audit. Motion carried 4-0.
b. Endoscope Processor
Austin Gillard presented a quote for a new endoscope processor. The current Pentax processor utilized in the endoscopy department was purchased in 2017. The ability of this piece of equipment to "recognize" the endoscope when it is plugged into the processor, is beginning to lag and has led to the start delay of a few procedures recently. After discussion, motion made by Richard Cott, seconded by Terri Parry, to approve the endoscope processor. Motion carried 4-0.
c. Hip & Shoulder Replacement Equipment
Austin Gillard presented various quotes for the equipment needed to start performing hip replacements and shoulder replacements at Clay County Medical Center. This is the next step for our total joint replacement program. The cost for this equipment comes to $42,228.25. After discussion, motion made by Terri Parry, seconded by Jeff Yarrow, to approve the Hip and Shoulder Replacement Equipment. Motion carried 4-0.

d. 2 CFR 200.305 – Federal Policies and Procedures
Austin Gillard presented three policies we need to approve due to receiving federal grant funds under the Rural Health Transformation Program. These policies are, 1) Procurement Standards, 2) Federal Awards – Cash Management, and 3) Allowability of Costs. After discussion, motion made by Carrie Lane, seconded by Richard Cott, to approve 2 CFR 200.305 – Federal Policies and Procedures. Motion carried 4-0.

e. Credentialing
The board reviewed the medical provider candidates approved by the medical staff for credentialing. These are as follows:

Allied Health	Kristen Manning, APRN - Emergency Medicine - Reappointment
CRNA	Josh Luce, CRNA - Anesthesiology - Reappointment
	Scott Kaulo, CRNA - Anesthesiology -Initial Appointment

Motion made by Terri Parry, seconded by Carrie Lane, to approve the medical provider candidates approved by the medical staff for credentialing. Motion carried 4-0.

AUSTIN GILLARD, CEO

a. Regional Partnership Grant Program
We are still providing requested information as the State asks for it. We should have finalized Agreements for the full funding of the surgical robot in the next 30 days. Once all funding is approved, we will proceed with the purchase.

b. Evidence-Based Practice Program
All the Agreements have been signed for the hospital and five rural health clinics. Julie Crimmins will continue to monitor our reporting status on each quality measure over the next five years of this program.

c. Community Health Worker + Accountable Food is Medicine Grant Program
Austin Gillard submitted this 17-page grant narrative to the State of Kansas. We have requested funding for two full-time community health workers. We should know if we receive the funding in the next 30 days.

d. West Parking Lot
An agreement has been signed with a civil engineering firm to develop the final plans, and work with the City of Clay Center and KDOT for approval. This will add around 24 new parking spaces for team members.

e. General Update
- Austin Gillard introduced Jonathan Meals, Executive Assistant, to the board. Jonathan will be working with Austin Gillard on schedules, projects, follow-up action items, agendas, minutes, and other ongoing support as needed.
- We have started our IT office remodel project in the basement. We will be developing four new offices for our IT team members.
- The chillers at the nursing home have several operational issues. We have set the building at 80 degrees. We are in the process of receiving bids for repairs.
- Austin Gillard and Dr. Kelley met with Dr. Saville last week for dinner to discuss the future of our general surgery program. Dr. Meghan Shriver and Dr. Valerie Binns will be joining Surgical Associates in August. They will start with Clay County Medical Center in late August or early September. Both new general surgeons are Da Vinci trained, so the grant award for the surgical robot works out great.
- Dr. Parkes Wolters marketing plan has started. There will be a heavy push in the Manhattan area, as Dr. Wolters will be working at Riley Family Physicians three days a week. We look forward to having Dr. Wolters join our medical provider team.
- Our fluoroscopy unit has stopped working again. We will need to look at other options over the next few months for replacement.
- We have submitted all paperwork required to apply for the Employee Retention Credit. This process could take more than two years.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Next Meeting: July 20, 2026 at 8:00 p.m.

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Minutes recorded by Jonathan Meals