

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE
WALKER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
July 22, 2025**

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The Board of Managers of the Walker County Hospital District, Walker County, Texas, met in a regular session, open to the public on July 22, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., in the Walker County Hospital District Conference room located at the First National Bank building 6th floor Blalock Room.

Members of the Board present included:

Chairman, Anne Woodard
Vice Chairman, Joe Sapp
Secretary, Curtis Montgomery
Manager, Lane Aiena
Manager, Jerry Larrison

Also, in attendance were WCHD Administrative Assistant; Keli Molina and members from the public which are noted on the sign in sheet.

Agenda Item 1: Call meeting to order.

Chairman Anne Woodard called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Agenda Item 2: Consider approving the minutes for the Regular Board meeting held on June 25, 2025.

Joe Sapp made a motion to approve, Jerry Larrison seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 3: Comments from the public. If you wish to address the Board of Managers, please register prior to the meeting being called to order.

No comments from the public were made.

Agenda Item 4: Comments and reports from Huntsville Community Hospital Corporation administration.

Paul Hansen CFO gave some updates on operations for the month of May. We were very busy and consistent with our mission. One of the things we saw was an uptick in our ER market, which was due to the closure of the hospital in Trinity. We normally work with about 56 patients and today we saw over 63 come to the ED, which is good, at least we know that we are providing a service to them as well. From an operational standpoint we did well. We're still probably ahead of budget, so we're in a good position. We are trying to finalize the last-minute things for our 2026, budget. We are June 30th, year-end, so we're working to do good. Everything will be submitted up to corporate for their final reviews as well.

Ian Gibson COO stated from an operations standpoint, as Paul said, we were fairly busy and had pretty good admissions. The ER was busier than it has been, but that also led to a number of transfers. The highest number of transfers we've had in the past 12 months, it was over 150 transfers out of the emergency. It was a combination of a lot of different things, at least eight were due to ICU capacity and it looked like at least 16 others due to just other general capacities in the hospital being too full. We actually went on OB divert last night, because all of our rooms were full. We had laboring patients in every single room. The capacity aspects have been challenging this last month and as we go through those transfers to see what we could identify as things that could have stayed here if we had more space.

Agenda Item 5: Review and consider approving the monthly financial reports.

Curtis Montgomery made a motion to approve, Lane Aiena seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 6: Consider approving payment of monthly bills.

Jerry Larrison made a motion to approve, Curtis Montgomery seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 7: "Executive Session: The Walker County Hospital District Board of Managers will adjourn into a closed session to consult with their attorneys regarding legal matters relating to the potential funding and construction of a Hospital Tower Project within Walker County Hospital District. Adjournment to closed session is necessary and authorized by Sections 551.071 and 551.072 of the Texas Government Code (the Open Meetings Act) which is necessary specifically, without limitation. No action will be taken in closed session, and any action as a result of this session will occur when reconvened in the open meeting."

The Hospital Bond Decision Meeting discussed reducing the bond amount from \$246 million to \$215 million, a \$31 million difference. They will discuss further in a Special Meeting with their Financial Consultant Chris Jannings.

8. Reconvene into Open Session to discuss any potential action needed from executive session.

No action taken.

Agenda Item 9: Adjourn meeting.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.



Curtis Montgomery, WCHD Secretary



Anne Woodard, WCHD Chairman