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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE
WALKER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
June 23, 2026

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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 June 23, 2026 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, Jerry Larrison
Manager, Stephen Antwi

Also, in attendance were WCHD Administrative Assistant; Keli Molina and members from the public.

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 May 26, 2026.
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.
Donna Pinon and Shera Bowers signed up to speak.

Agenda Item 4: Comments and reports from Huntsville Community Hospital Corporation administration:
CEO Terry Scoggin stated HMH was one of 508 hospitals in the United States to achieve a catheter-associated urinary tract infection, or clotting rate of zero based on CMS standards. We did graduate our first residency class from Sam Houston. We're excited to finish our first residency. There are 12 residents that are in a three-year program. Our goal for this program is to have physicians that come out and stay in the community. Four new residents will join the team on July 1st so we're excited about that as well. We've got two new fellowships for our sports medicine fellowship with San Houston as well that will join us. We finished two this last year, so all together there's 14 residents on site.

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We will lose six and will have six more starting July 1st. We'll also pick up a few more from the psychiatry residency that Sam Houston is working on with several other hospitals in the area. It's a four-year program.

CFO Paul Hanson gave a brief report on May and stated this is our 11th month of the year, so these are our year-to-date totals through May for us. We are at 24,382 patient days for the year, which is 5.7% better than we did last year. We continue to see the growth in inpatient admissions its up 9% this year compared to last year. Our ED is up 5.2% now and averaging almost 62 patients a day, compared to 59 last year. Our births are 10% higher than a year ago, but we know that's still growing. The outpatient registrations continue to grow and stay very busy. Our ICU is only six beds but we were 83% occupied for this whole month.

COO Ian Gibson gave a couple of updates, he talked about their new physician recruits, Dr. Brown, she has been covering the L&D and she had her first HMH delivery on her very first day of coverage. We have a new general surgeon that will be starting next month, Dr. Fernandez. He will be joining us and that will aid in covering of the ER, so we'll have more surgery coverage. As far as major projects, we have just concluded a more than a yearlong project with our new patient monitoring and telemetry system. We went into full implementation last week on Tuesday afternoon. We are completely switched over to the new patient monitoring system through Mindray, which brings just a number of upgrades and usability and functionality. It is also an exceptionally stable system that is under warranty coverage. We will have so much more stability with that system.

Agenda Item 5: Review and consider approving the monthly financial reports.
Jerry Larrison made a motion to approve the monthly financial reports, Stephen Antwi seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 6: Consider approving payment of monthly bills.
Stephen Antwi made a motion to approve payment of monthly bills, Curtis Montgomery seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 7: Report from Chairman Anne Woodard.
Chairman Anne Woodard stated there is a lot of misunderstanding about things going on. I'm going to go over one of those tonight. We are looking at some ways to expand our hospital in this community. We are not looking to go to the voters and to raise the taxes, but we are definitely looking and going ahead because of the need, and we are not only looking just at HUD. We have to work collaboratively with the hospital on their financial picture for all of that to work. We are in the working stages of this, and we will continue to look at how we can get the hospital built. We're going to go forward with that, because we know the need. We also have been looking at something else that is very critical for our hospital. We are looking at expanding the ICU. We know that even with the program that we looked at last month has a lot of bells and whistles that we will have to go through and get all kind of facts and figures before there's ever a decision made. I mentioned last month that it's going to take about four years to get a new hospital. We have realized that we cannot wait that long for ICU beds. The ICU beds are very critical here and we have discussed in all of our town hall meetings the need for more beds. We have six ICU beds right now and this shortage is really limiting our ability to fully utilize the Cath lab and the cardiologists cannot perform procedures when they have no ICU beds available. The number of additional beds, the location of where that's going to be, is just starting to be discussed.

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How we expand and get more ICU beds for this community, and when we complete all of our discussions, we will present the plan. We will present the financial implications and we'll put it out then for an RFP. We will have a company that does that. We will put it out for a general contractor to expand our ICU. I can't tell you how many beds because we're looking at the availability of space. Whatever we do as a board is doing it in light of having another facility so that we are not wasting any taxpayer money.

Agenda Item 8: Adjourn meeting.
With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

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Anne Woodard, WCHD Chairman

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Curtis Montgomery, WCHD Secretary