

Marion County Hospital District

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Marion County Hospital District was held on **Thursday** the **14th** day of August **2025 at 6:00 P.M.** in the meeting room of the office of the Hospital District at 1113-B North Walcott Street in Jefferson, Texas.

Board Members Present: Vice-Chair/Acting Chair: Karen Kent; Board Secretary: Susan Anderson; Board Director: Vivian Foster; Board Director: Michelle Ready; Board Director: Jodie Harris and Board Treasurer: Paulette Cooper

Staff in Attendance: Office Manager: Alicia Belt.

Public in Attendance: Jamey Parsons, Scott Nash

Participating via telephone: Karen Jones, Tax Assessor/Collector via phone

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Vice-Chair/Acting Chair Karen Kent and a quorum established.
2. Public Comments: There were two members of the public in attendance and Karen Jones, Tax Assessor/Collector via telephone. Mr. Jamey Parsons, long time Jefferson resident and President of JEDCO, briefly discussed the Marion County Hospital Development Joint Coalition and gave board brief overview of project. Mr. Parson requested consideration for a special meeting for a formal presentation of the project.
3. Motion by Vivian Foster to approve July 10, 2025 minutes and July 22, 2025 Special Called Meeting Minutes. Second by Michelle Ready. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Vivan Foster to approve payroll from July 15 – 31, 2025 and August 1 – 15, 2025 as presented. Second by Susan Anderson. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Motion made by Vivan Foster to Adopt the Adjusted Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 as presented. Second by Michelle Ready. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. The Board reviewed the Submission of the 2025 Certified Appraisal Roll per Texas Property Code, Section 26.04 (b) by Karen Jones. The total Appraised Value is \$2,031,512,983. Total Assessed Value is \$1,142,335,532. The Total Taxable Value is \$1,120,841,302 and the Total Taxable-New Property is \$22,171,050. The Submission of Appraisal Roll was entered into record.
7. The Board then reviewed the Submission of 2025 Certified anticipated collection rates and excess debt collections per Texas Property Tax Code, Section 26.04 (b), (h), (h-1) and (h-2). The Certified Collection Rate is 111.69%. The Hospital District has no debt. The Submission of Collection Rate was entered into record.
8. The Board also reviewed the 2025 NNR Tax Rate of 0.03882860 and the 2025 Voter-Approval Tax Rate of 0.04508600 as presented by Karen Jones.
9. Motion by Susan Anderson to accept the proposed 2025 NNR Tax Rate 0.038822860 and authorize Karen Jones, Tax Assessor/Collector, to publish the required newspaper

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advertisement using larger block size format and border. Second by Michelle Ready. All in favor. Motion carried.

10. Motion by Vivian Foster to authorize and Forvis Mazars appointing Andrea Sartin, CPA as the auditor for the Fiscal Year Audit and to sign engagement letter from Forvis Mazars. Second by Paulette Cooper. All in favor. Motion carried.
11. Motion by Vivian Foster to accept the opening of the VeraBank account number 1005026982 and for Board Treasurer, Paulette Cooper; Board Secretary, Susan Anderson and Board Vice-Chair/Acting Chair, Karen Kent as signers on the account. Second by Michelle Ready. All in favor. Motion carried.
12. All Lane's Lease was discussed by the Board and email from district attorney was presented. It was agreed that Karen Kent will contact Cliff Shaw regarding cleaning, maintenance, and handyman-related matters. No immediate action will be taken at this time. The topic has been tabled for further discussion at the next scheduled board meeting.
13. Board discussed changing the frequency of our board meetings to twice a month. No action taken, no change will be made at this time.
14. The Board reviewed applications submitted by two candidates for the open board position: Dale Sims and Scott Nash. Both were recognized as strong contenders. Motion by Vivan Foster to accept Scott Nash to fill the vacant position and complete the term ending in 2026. Second by Michelle Ready. All in favor. Motion carried.
15. The Board engaged in discussion regarding the Marion County Hospital Development Joint Coalition and the proposed Micro Hospital project. Mr. Parsons requested that the Board consider allowing Momentum Innovation to deliver a formal presentation outlining the proposal. Several Board members posed preliminary questions to Mr. Parsons during the meeting. It was agreed that Vice-Chair/Acting Chair, Karen Kent would compile and send an email to Mr. Bill Wright with the Board's questions in advance of the presentation. Motion made by Vivan Foster to have Momentum Innovations give presentation at Special Called Meeting on August 20, 2025. Second by Michelle Ready. All in favor. Motion carried.
16. Consider Financial Reports. Board reviewed financial reports. There were no changes or corrections noted to reports. Motion by Paulette Cooper to approve all reports and file for audit. Second by Michelle Ready. All in favor. Motion carried.
17. Office Manager informed the Board of the following items:
 - A. Office credit card has been received and she has purchase items previously approved – office chairs, brochures, stamps and notary stamp and book.
 - B. THICA Conference – Registration for conference was paid via business check; however, Hilton has confirmed they do not accept checks under any circumstances.

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To address this, it was discussed that a projected amount for lodging and per diem will be calculated and submitted in September. An Expense Reimbursement form will be provided to the Office Manager by Susan Anderson to facilitate the issuance of a reimbursement check to be presented at next board meeting.

- C. We have currently received 3 resumes/application for the Part Time Office Staff position. Those resumes/applications have been provided to Employment Committee.
- D. Discussed that the web technology budget amount has not been set yet by the Texas Association of Counties. We will discuss at next month's meeting.

18. Committee Reports

A. Building and Maintenance Committee

- 1. Maintenance Issues – front door was completed 8/14/2025 by Harrison County Glass.
- 2. Commercial inspector is expected next week for building inspection.

B. Indigent Healthcare Representative

- 1. We had one issue that came up during the month. Handled with Office Manager and Representative.

19. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION. The board entered into closed session at 8:40 pm

- A. Deliberations concerning personnel matters. (Pursuant to Government Code 551.074).
- B. Deliberations involving Medical or Psychiatric Records of Individuals, (pursuant to Government code 551.0785).

20. Reconvene in Open Session at 8:43 pm

- A. Motion by Susan Anderson to accept Case numbers 2425-17, 2425-18, and 2425-19 for Indigent Care Program as applicants qualify. Second by Michelle Ready. All in favor. Motion carried.

21. Recommendations for Next Month's Agenda.

- A. Update on Web Technology amount for Fiscal Year 2025-2026
- B. Update on TIHCA Conference including check to sign
- C. Swear in new board member
- D. Scott Nash Bond
- E. Update on CD Rates
- F. Progress and update on audit from Forvis Marvas
- G. Update on All Lane's discussion and take action on handyman, maintenance agreement and cleaner.
- H. Update on air conditioning repair
- I. Progress report on interviews for Part Time Office Position

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22. Motion to adjourn by Vivian Foster. Second by Susan Anderson. All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:49 pm

Duration of Meeting: 2 Hours and 49 minutes

Susan Anderson Approved in Open Meeting on September 11, 2025.