

## Marion County Hospital District

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Marion County Hospital District was held on **Thursday** the **9th** day of **April 2026 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:** Chair: Karen Kent; Vice-Chair: Vivian Foster; Board Director: Michelle Ready; Board Director: Glen Farris; Board Director: Scott Nash

**Board Members Absent:** Board Treasurer: Paulette Cooper; Board Secretary: Susan Anderson

**Staff in Attendance:** Office Administrator: Alicia Belt; Office Clerk: Debbie Graves

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1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair, Karen Kent and a quorum established.
2. Public Comments: Debbie Graves wanted to thank the board for the opportunity to work at the hospital district. She was thankful to be with the district and have opportunity to help the community.
3. Motion by Vivian Foster to approve as written March 12, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Second by Michelle Ready. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Vivian Foster to approve as written March 26, 2026 Special Called Meeting Minutes. Second by Scott Nash. In favor were Vivian Foster, Michelle Ready, and Scott Nash. Glen Farris abstained from the vote due to absence from that meeting. Motion carried.

4. Motion by Vivian Foster to approve payroll from March 16 - 31, 2026 and April 1 - 15, 2026 as presented. Second by Glen Farris. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. Update regarding By-Laws. Presented to board was email from attorney, Chase Palmer stating there was no reason to file By-laws in the Marion County Clerk's office. They simply need to be retained by the hospital district. Original document will be filed in Administrators office and hard copies will be available in front office for review. In addition, By-Laws will be posted on the website.
6. A discussion was held regarding CD Update Riverside. Per email from Board Chair, Karen Kent, all CD's will remain at 3.75% interest as per Riverside. There was a discrepancy on the information provided by Riverside on the CD account update report; therefore, Board Chair will follow-up with Riverside to double check the 3.75% interest rate. In addition, the Board Chair mentioned that Riverside was not able to provide projected maturity balance because of the compounded calculation and the daily change, so there will be no change to the monthly generated CD Report.

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7. Consider Financial Reports. Board reviewed financial reports. There were no changes or corrections noted to reports. Motion by Vivian Foster to approve all reports and file for audit. Second by Michelle Ready. All in favor. Motion carried.
8. Office Administrator presented board with this year's date for the Texas Indigent Healthcare Conference. Scheduled date are October 7-9, 2026. Motion by Vivian Foster to allow Office Administrator, Alicia Belt, and Office Clerk, Debbie Graves to attend. Second by Glen Farris. All in favor. Motion carried. It was also mentioned by Administrator that this date falls the same week of October's Regular Schedule Board meeting and suggest that it be changed to the following Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Board was in favor of this and we will notify public in advance of the date change.
9. Administrator gave update to the board on community outreach opportunities.
  - A. March 14, 2026 health fair – not as much attendance as anticipated because of 3 other local events that weekend in the same area, but made good contacts, handed out 3 applications and networked with other participants learning about their programs and how we could refer clients to those programs.
  - B. Discussed upcoming health fair and other community activities and how we could provide handouts/give aways that would be more suitable to the public. As discussed in the MCHARC meeting, there is a need for personal hygiene and dental hygiene items. The board instructed Administrator to get pricing for shirts for staff to wear at the events, pricing on hygiene packets and stickers that would be branded with name for the packets. Administrator will have this information at next month's board meeting for review.
  - C. Administrator presented a form letter to send out to local churches to let them know about program. It was suggested by board that the letter also be sent out to volunteer fire departments and other local neighborhood groups that could pass along to contacts in the community. These letters will be distributed this month.
  - D. IHS Training in Marshall on May 5-6, 2026. Motion by Vivian Foster to allow Debbie Graves to attend and for her to be paid at her normal hourly rate for her time at training. Second by Michelle Ready. All in favor. Motion carried.
10. Committee Reports
  - A. Building and Maintenance – Update from Administrator
    1. Discussed quote for concrete work for driveway. Motion by Michelle Ready to accept job description and quote for concrete work on driveway for \$4,500.00 as written. Second by Glen Farris. All in favor. Motion carried.
    2. Presented sewer repair estimate that was approved last month. Should be started on within the next few days. No action needed.
    3. Renovation update for Suite A space. Countertops should be delivered this week. Flooring was ordered on Monday, April 6 and should be in late next

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week. After much discussion and viewing of the texturing and painting of walls in the hall. It was determined that it is unacceptable because of the bubbling of texture and that the Board Chair will contact contractor to have it fixed up to standard. In addition, it was general consensus that hallway needed to be repainted. Motion by Vivian Foster to repaint white once texture is fixed. Second by Glen Farris. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Indigent Healthcare Representative

1. Vice Chair, Vivian Foster reported that the hospital district has a new contact with Christus that will now be referring patients to the district that live in Marion County. Christus has to date referred the district 2 clients.

11. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION. The board entered into closed session at 6:58 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).

12. Reconvene in Open Session at 7:14 pm.

- A. Motion by Michelle Ready to accept Indigent Care Case number 2526-21, 2526-22, 2526-23, 1920-07, and 1920-08 for Indigent Care Program as applicants qualify. Second by Vivian Foster. All in favor. Motion carried.

13. Recommendations for Next Month's Agenda.

- A. Sam's Club Account
- B. Riverside CD Rate Update
- C. Testimonies from public
- D. Standard requirements for estimates given to hospital district
- E. Cost for office shirts, health fair packets and stickers with logo

14. Motion to adjourn by Vivian Foster. Second by Michelle Ready. All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:17 pm

Duration of Meeting: 1 Hour and 17 minutes

 Approved in Open Meeting on May 14, 2026.