

A regular meeting of the North Wheeler County Hospital District Board was held at the hospital at 5:05 p.m. on July 21, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT: Janie VanZandt, Chairman
Marla Ford, Vice Chairman
Ken Daughtry, Member
Brenda Sparlin, Member

OTHERS PRESENT: Zela Young, Interim CEO; Jace Henderson, CFO; Skye Lane, NWCEMS Dept. Head and Jonathan Kolarik with N4Matric

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Shelly Teichmann, Secretary

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND PRAYER:** Marla Ford Vice Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. with a prayer offered by Jace Henderson.
2. **BOARD MEMBERS OATH OF OFFICE/ RENEWAL:** Janie VanZandt and Ken Daughtry took their oath of office and signed paperwork. Both are in compliance with the Hospital Board. Janie took back over as Chairman of the meeting.
3. **BOARD MEMBER TRAINING:** Jonathan Kolarik lead the board in the training of HIPAA, Conflict of Interest and Compliance and Security Assessment. He had a handout they went over with discussion and answered questions. Paperwork was signed and given to Zela Young. He also informed the board that the training with hospital staff which he is conducting for two days, with the first day being earlier was very productive. The group participated well and asked lots of questions and they were positive. He will be back tomorrow with the second group. He will continue to work with staff and board to continue their education.
4. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - a. Minutes of the Previous Meeting: July 21, 2005
 - b. Payment of Bills
 - c. Investments
 - d. QAPI
 - e. Date of next meeting: August 18, 2025

Ken Daughtry made a motion to accept the items on the Consent Agenda. Brenda Sparlin seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

5. **EMS REPORT:** Skye Lane reported all three trucks are stocked and in service. They continue to train in-house and online. Jody Davis has taken on the role as training officer for NWCEMS. They are doing monthly skills to stay in compliance with the state. There are some new house and senate bills that have passed in EMS. One is carrying whole blood on trucks and the other is having a designated mental health person in-house. Both of these will be discussed and looked into then Skye will report back to board. Bryan Yates is almost finished with his AEMT class, he will then schedule his test date some time in August. EMS is continuing their community service. They held a training at Mobeetie VFD on CPR and stop the bleed on June 26th. They had 50 calls in June and average response time was 4 minutes and 17 seconds.

6. **CNO REPORT:** Nothing to report.

7. **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND STATISTICS**
 - a. **Discuss Dr. Stipend:** Jace asked Marla if she had resume on Dr. Brook Estes, which she had copies for everyone. Jace or Marla will get in contact with her and set up an interview with her in August.
 - b. **BIP(Broadband Grant):** Jace has submitted the need for 2 servers, ultra sound, 2 mobile carts, 2 switches and room cleanup. All approved and have been ordered.
 - c. **Opioid Abatement:** Jace is thinking about ideas to implement at hospital and in the community. Check on billboard, Narcan, help sheriff's dept. and EMS, school programs, drug cabinets, continuing education and nurse training and counseling at school. These are some of the suggestions. He will get back to us on progress.
 - d. **DSH RECOUPMENT:** They did recoup money and the amount returned last month was \$248,000.00.

- e. **Double DZ Lawsuit:** bitcoin business has filed lawsuit. Jace will let us know more when he has more information.
- f. **Maribel Puentes** (storm damage fund): It was decided that at this time the hospital cannot donate but individuals could do so on their own to help out.

8. **Approve Bad Debt:** No Report

9. **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. **iCore Radiology Read/Reporting Company:** It is in place and working. Reports are being sent back quickly.
- b. **TCDRS:** Everything is in progress and Zela should hear back from them by end of the week. She will keep us updated.
- c. **CT/Ultrasound:** Zela has questioned the sales rep what we needed to be doing to prep room and information was not given to her. She did ask more than once and was told no additional fees. We have signed the contract but now our rep is telling her that the old electrical box must be removed and new one installed plus the floor needs to be leveled. Zela is going to tell Debbie to hold the check for payment. She will need to contact an engineer to look at the floor and get a quote for cost to get it repaired. Zela will report back to board.

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Board Members Oath of Office New/Renewal:** See above.
- b. **Board Member Training by Jonathan Kolarik with N4Matrix:** See above.
- c. **CT/Ultrasound:** See above.
- d. **Hematology Instrument:** The Analyzer currently used in Lab is over 10 years old. A new one has been ordered

and should be in this week. New Analyzer will be a better and more sensitive machine which will result in better test results.

- e. **Bi-annual Employee Incident Reporting January-June 2025:** Board read it and no questions.
 - f. **Shamrock/South Wheeler Ambulance proposal:** Discussion and we will wait for more information and election.
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- 11. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None
 - 12. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
 - 13. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m. The next regular meeting will be on Monday, August 18, 2025 at 6:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Janie VanZandt, Chairman

Marla Ford, Vice Chairman

