

DECATUR COUNTY HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES - SPECIAL
February 12, 2026 – 4:30pm

PRESENT: Denise Elefson, Teri Foster, Sheri Frost, Larry Griffin, and Rebekah Mendenhall

ABSENT: Guy Clark

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Johnston (CEO), Tara Spidle (CFO), and Shannon Erb (COO), Mara Wengryn

MEETING LOCATION: Decatur County Hospital, Leon, IA – Main Conference Room

I. CALL TO ORDER

Denise Elefson called the meeting to order at 4:30pm.

II. AGENDA APPROVAL

Larry Griffin made a motion to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Rebekah Mendenhall made the second. Motion carried unanimously.

III. BOARD INTERVIEW OF MARA WENGRYN FOR PROSPECTIVE APPOINTMENT AS TRUSTEE

Mara Wengryn was present and a discussion period followed for the Board members present to interview Mara and ask questions as to her qualifications for appointment to the Board of Trustees of Decatur County Hospital. The appointment fills the seat vacated by Cheryl Zach following her resignation effective October 01, 2025 and is for the remaining portion of her term or, in this instance, through December 31, 2028.

Following this period, both Denise Elefson and Sheri Frost discussed with the other Board members the results of the Executive Committee’s previous interview with Mara as well as the positive recommendation of the committee for her appointment. With no further discussion, the following actions were taken:

Action Item: Resolution – Appointment of Mara Wengryn as Board Trustee to Fill Vacant Seat Through End of the Current Term – December 31, 2028. Larry Griffin made a motion to approve the resolution as presented with a second by Teri Foster. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Item: Oath of Office – Mara Wengryn. Immediately following her appointment, Denise Elefson administered the legally prescribed oath of office to Ms. Wengryn. Mara Wengryn signed a printed copy of the oath of office with the same witnessed and notarized by Shannon Erb.

III. CLOSED SESSION – Iowa Code 21.5(1)(L)

At approximately 4:39pm, a roll call vote was called for the Board to enter closed session for discussion under the following exemption(s):

- Iowa Code 21.5(1)(L): Marketing and Other Proprietary Information

The vote results were: Denise Elefson – aye; Teri Foster – aye; Sheri Frost – aye; Larry Griffin – aye; and Rebekah Mendenhall – aye. Due to her nascent appointment to the Board of Trustees, Mara Wengryn abstained from the vote. Despite the absence of Guy Clark, and the abstention by Mara Wengryn, the five (5) affirmative votes received in public session from the other members, constituted a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Board and thus met the required standard enumerated in Iowa Code 21.5(1) for a closed session. Those present in addition to the Board members were Mike Johnston, Tara Spidle, and Shannon Erb.

IV. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

With a consensus of the Board members obtained to do so, the Board returned to open session at approximately 5:41pm on the same date. The Board members present when the open session reconvened were Denise Elefson, Teri Foster, Sheri

Frost, Larry Griffin, Rebekah Mendenhall, and Mara Wengryn. Mike Johnston, Tara Spidle, and Shannon Erb remained in attendance. The Board of Trustees took the following action following the return to open session:

Action Item: Approval of Strategic Plan – Remainder of FY2026 and CY2026. Teri Foster made a motion, with a second from Rebekah Mendenhall, to approve the strategic plan as presented and discussed. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Item: Authorization for Facility Renovations. Teri Foster made a motion to approve the facility renovations required as part of the strategic initiatives discussed above. The motion included the express expectation to maintain compliance with all applicable laws and regulations to include, but in no way limited to, public hearings and bidding requirements, throughout the project(s) despite this initial approval by the Board of Trustees. Sheri Frost made the second and the motion carried unanimously.

Action Item: Authorization to Sign Contract(s) with the State of Iowa for the Three (3) Rural Health Transformation Grants Awarded to Date and to Conduct All Applicable Activities as Required to Meet the Obligations of Each Contract. Sheri Frost made a motion authorizing the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to sign contract(s) with the State of Iowa as may be required to receive the three (3) Rural Health Transformation Grants awarded to-date and to carry out all activities both reasonable and necessary to maintain compliance the obligations of each contract. Teri Foster made the second. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Item: Approval of GE Quote #2012372963.7 for the Purchase of a CT/ PET Scanner and Expenses Related Thereto as Provided in the Rural Health Transformation Grant. Mike Johnston presented the Board members with the aforementioned quote from GE for the purchase of the CT/ PET scanner for \$1,569,010.71. Additionally, an estimate from Cardinal Health puts the hot lab expense at approximately \$90,000.00 though this is subject to change until a formal quote is generated. The total price, therefore, associated with the acquisition of the equipment, though not including required facility renovations, is \$1,659,010.71. While noting that he would not sign the GE quote until such time as the contract with the state was in place and the funding guaranteed, Mike Johnston requested that the Board approve the total price previously described and authorize him to sign the applicable sales orders at his discretion. Teri Foster made a motion to approve the request and Rebekah Mendenhall made the second. Motion carried unanimously.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:53pm.

Attest:

Sheri Frost, Secretary