

DECATUR COUNTY HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING MINUTES

March 25, 2026 – 5:30pm

PRESENT: Denise Elefson, Teri Foster, Sheri Frost, Guy Clark, Larry Griffin, Rebekah Mendenhall, and Mara Wengryn

ABSENT: None

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Kyle Ahlenstorf, Michelle Leonard, Erin Dykes, Tanya Coffelt, Marvin McCann, and Alan Wilson (All from Infinity Health).

<b>I. CALL TO ORDER</b>
Denise Elefson called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.
<b>II. AGENDA APPROVAL</b>
Mara Wengryn made a motion to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Rebekah Mendenhall made the second. Motion carried unanimously.
<b>III. CONSENT AGENDA</b>
Teri Foster made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with a second by Larry Griffin. Motion carried unanimously. (1) Meeting Minutes – February 2026 (Regular); (2) February 2026 Accounts Payable (AP): \$1,379,599.57; (3) February 2026 Payroll: \$706,279.00; and (4) February 2026 Accounts Receivable Write-Offs: \$64,551.33.
<b>IV. INFINITY HEALTH PRESENTATION</b>
Kyle Ahlenstorf, CEO of Infinity Health, made a presentation to the Board of Trustees as to potential opportunities for collaboration and alignment of services between Decatur County Hospital and Infinity.
<b>V. PUBLIC COMMENT</b>
Guy Clark discussed a recent patient experience in the Emergency Department (ED) of which he had knowledge and provided positive feedback with respect to the ED staff specifically and the overall patient experience in general.
<b>VI. PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED COUNTY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2027</b>
Denise Elefson opened the public hearing as to the proposed county budget for FY 2026 at approximately 5:52pm. She stated that the Leon Journal-Reporter published timely notice of the hearing as required by law on March 11, 2026 and the Board members were presented with proper evidence of publication thereof. No members of the public were present for the hearing. The Board received copies of the proposed FY 2026 county budget both via email prior to the meeting and in printed form at the meeting itself. Each member had an opportunity for review and to ask any questions. Ms. Elefson asked the assembled members of the Board of Trustees if they received objections or comments verbally or in writing from any member of the public. No such objections or comments were reported by any Board member. With no members of the public present and no comments or objections received through the Board of Trustees, the public hearing closed at approximately 6:04pm. <b>Action Item:</b> Larry Griffin made a motion to approve the FY 2027 county budget as presented and Teri Foster made the second. Motion carried unanimously.
<b>VII. MEDICAL STAFF REPORT</b>
Dr. Wehling provided the Medical Staff Report as follows: - He reviewed the draft minutes from the regular meeting of the Active Medical Staff held on March 11, 2026.

- The Medical Staff is finalizing the revised sepsis algorithm for approval at their next regular meeting in May 2026.
- Dr. Wehling reviewed the Medical Staff Appointments and Additional Privileges as printed on the meeting agenda and listed below. He noted that the Active Medical Staff unanimously approved each appointment and the additional privileges at their regular meeting on March 11, 2026. Dr. Wehling asked that the Board of Trustees give its final approval.

Medical Staff Appointments:

Leslie Fenimore, ARNP (Emergency Medicine); and

Rosa Stocker, ARNP (Dermatology).

Additional Privileges:

Imran Ata, MD (Cardiology) – Insertion and Management of Cardiovascular Implantable Device: Loop Recorder

**Action Item:** Sheri Frost made a motion to approve the Medical Staff Appointments and Additional Privileges as presented with a second by Mara Wengryn. Motion carried unanimously.

**IX. CEO REPORT**

Mike Johnston provided the CEO Update as follows:

Patient Transfers – February 2026:

At the Board’s request, the Chief Executive Officer will provide details on patient transfers from Decatur County Hospital at each regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the previous month. This information includes, but is not necessarily limited to, the number non-psych transfers, transfer destination/ accepting hospital, and monthly transfer rate (total transfers/ total Emergency Department (ED) patients). Out of 226 non-psych patients treated in the ED in February 2026, twelve (12) were transferred to tertiary facilities which yields a rounded transfer rate of 5.3% for the month. Six (6) were transferred to MercyOne – Des Moines, four (4) to UnityPoint facilities, one (1) to the University of Iowa, and one (1) to the Veteran’s Administration (VA) in Des Moines.

Rural Health Transformation Grants:

- To-date, we have fully executed contracts with the State of Iowa for both the Recruitment grant as well as the Center of Excellence (COE) program.
- The equipment contract for the PET scanner remains pending receipt from the state.
- The larger Cancer Care (Hub and Spoke) grant application is in the preparation phase with a due date of noon on April 07, 2026.

Saturday Clinics:

Dr. Dubil (Gynecological Oncology) will hold Saturday clinics for the convenience of our patients every other month during her on-site visits beginning in April 2026.

We are currently reviewing the possibility of adding two (2) other clinics for weekend availability (Cardiology and Neurology) though this is not definite at this time.

**Action Item:** Guy Clark made a motion, with a second from Larry Griffin, to approve the purchase of miscellaneous orthopedic equipment for Dr. Reinhardt’s clinic in the total amount of \$29,202.90. Motion carried unanimously.

**X. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Tara Spidle presented the financial report for February 2026 as follows:

Total gross revenue was \$3.86 million February 2026. An operating gain of \$111,871.00 and a net gain of \$236,933.00 were realized after tax revenue and other non-operating income in February 2026.

**Action Item – Resolution for Reassignment of Bond Trustee:** Sheri Frost made a motion to approve the resolution for reassignment of the trustee on the DCH Series 2011 and 2021 Bond Issues from First Interstate Bank to United Missouri Bank. Teri Foster made the second and the motion carried unanimously.

**Action Item – Closure of First Interstate Bank Second (2<sup>nd</sup>) MMA Account (Number Ending 3861):** Sheri Frost made a motion to approve the closure of the aforementioned account and consolidate funds into a separate, existing account and Rebekah Mendenhall made the second. Motion carried unanimously.

**Action Item – Approval of February 2026 Financial Report:** Larry Griffin made a motion to approve the February 2026 Financial Report with a second from Mara Wengryn. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **XI. MERCYONE REPORT**

No MercyOne representative was present at the meeting.

#### **XII. CLOSED SESSION – IOWA CODE 21.5(1)(L)**

At approximately 6:29pm, 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; Guy Clark – aye; Larry Griffin – aye; Rebekah Mendenhall – aye; and Mara Wengryn – aye. Those present in addition to the Board members were Mike Johnston, Tara Spidle, and Shannon Erb.

#### **XII. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

With unanimous consent to do so, the Board returned to open session at approximately 7:51pm. Those present at the time of the return to open session were the same as when the Board entered the closed session as outlined in Section XII above.

**Action Item:** Larry Griffin made a motion to approve the plan discussed during the closed session and for the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to move forward in accordance therewith. Sheri Frost made the second and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.

#### **Written Materials Presented to the Board of Trustees:**

In addition to the meeting agenda, the Board members received the following written documentation prior to the meeting via email and as part of their packets at the meeting itself:

February 2026 Financial Report  
DRAFT Board Minutes – February 2026  
Child Care Center Payments – Through March 19, 2026  
MercyOne Liaison Report – March 2026  
Board Resolution – Change of Bond Trustee

OPC Surveys – Full Packet – February 2026  
DRAFT Medical Staff Minutes - March 2026  
LifeServe Quality Report – 2025 Q4  
DRAFT County Budget – FY2027

Attest:

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Sheri Frost, Secretary