

DECATUR COUNTY HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
May 27, 2026 – 5:30pm

PRESENT: Denise Elefson, Teri Foster, Sheri Frost, and Mara Wengryn

ABSENT: Guy Clark, Larry Griffin, and Rebekah Mendenhall

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

I. CALL TO ORDER
Denise Elefson called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.
II. AGENDA APPROVAL
Mara Wengryn made a motion to approve the agenda as presented with a second from Teri Foster. Motion carried unanimously.
III. CONSENT AGENDA
Sheri Frost made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with a second by Teri Foster. Motion carried unanimously. (1) Meeting Minutes – April 2026; (2) April 2026 Accounts Payable (AP): \$2,092,440.00; (3) April 2026 Payroll: \$713,558.00; and (4) April 2026 Accounts Receivable Write-Offs: \$86,065.68.
IV. PUBLIC COMMENT
None
V. MEDICAL STAFF REPORT
<p>Dr. Wehling was not present at the meeting due to a planned vacation. Mike Johnston presented the Board with the Medical Staff Appointments and Reappointments listed below. Each were unanimously approved by the Active Medical Staff at their regular meeting on May 20, 2026.</p> <p><u>Medical Staff Appointments:</u> Britanny Rigg, ARNP (Urology); Terri Sitzman, ARNP (Pediatrics); and Jose Luis Salazar Arce, ARNP (Telehealth Psychiatry).</p> <p><u>Medical Staff Reappointments:</u> Nicolet Newhoff, CRNA</p> <p>Teri Foster made a motion to approve the Medical Staff Appointments and Reappointments as presented (and listed above). Mara Wengryn made the second and the motion carried unanimously.</p>
VI. CEO REPORT
<p>Mike Johnston provided the CEO Update as follows:</p> <p><u>Patient Transfers – April 2026:</u></p> <p>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 252 non-psych patients treated in the ED in April 2026, fourteen (14) were transferred to tertiary facilities which yields a rounded transfer rate of 5.56% for the month. Six (6) were transferred to MercyOne – Des Moines, four (4)</p>

to UnityPoint facilities, two (2) to the University of Iowa, one (1) to Blank Children’s Hospital, and one (1) to Mosaic in St. Joseph’s, MO.

Child Care Center Project – Expenditures to Date:

The Board of Trustees reviewed expenditures on the project made to-date of \$2,789,412.63. From the grant portion (totaling roughly half of the overall project cost), \$528,614.66 has been received from the state as of May 27, 2026 in the form of reimbursement and a further \$632,949.25 remains pending.

Rural Health Transformation Grants (Equipment) – Update on PET Scanner Implementation:

- The DEXA scanner move is in progress and scheduled for completion on May 28, 2026;
- Renovations to the old Infusion area begin May 29, 2026 and continue through the week of July 06, 2026;
- The open public bidding process related to renovations required to the existing Cardio-Pulmonary space for the new PET scanner will publish on June 11, 2026;
- Sealed bids opening is July 09, 2026;
- The Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing as required by state law on the project and the bids received on July 10, 2026 at 10:00am;
- Renovations at substantial completion by November 23, 2026;
- Installation and commissioning of the PET equipment by GE from November 23, 2026 to December 22, 2026; and
- PET operational on or before December 29, 2026.

The Board reviewed proposed aesthetic changes in the main lobby area resulting from the PET scanner renovations as part of the aforementioned update.

ENT Services:

Dr. Bancroft’s site visit to Decatur County Hospital is scheduled for June 15, 2026.

Cardiology:

Engineers from GE will be on-site at DCH on June 11, 2026 for a meeting with Dr. Mehta and a discussion of cardiology-related equipment.

Action Item – Approval of Revised Policies and Procedures: Mike Johnston presented the Board of Trustees with the revised policies and procedures listed below for their review and approval. The listed policies and procedures were previously approved by the PAC Committee on May 12, 2026 and by unanimous vote of the Active Medical Staff at their regular meeting on May 20, 2026. Copies of the applicable policies and procedures, with revisions noted, were provided to the Board members prior to the meeting via email and as part of their printed Board packet the night of the meeting.

Ambulance Drug Bag Usage	Fluid Warmer, Dating Fluids and Refrigerated Fluids
Ambulance – Outdated Drugs, Replacements and Exchanges	General, Verbal, and Written Orders
Attendance	Multiple Dose Vials
Automatic Drug Stop Orders	Prescription Pad Security
Available STAT Testing	Removing, Returning and Wasting Meds
Bedside Storage of Medication	Storage/ Temperature
Disposal of Controlled Substance	

Following a discussion for the purpose of answering questions from the Board members related to the revisions presented, Sheri Frost made a motion to each of the policies/ procedures listed above with a second from Mara Wengryn. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Item – Resolution Authorizing the Filing of Articles of Incorporation for the Healthy Steps Childcare Center, Inc. and to Enter into Required 28E Agreement(s), as well as Property and Employee Leases Related to the Same: Sheri Frost made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Teri Foster made the second and the motion carried unanimously.

VII. FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Total gross revenue was \$4.5 million in April 2026. An operating gain of \$138,309.00 and a net gain of \$313,005.00 were realized after tax revenue and other non-operating income in April 2026.

Action Item – Approval of April 2026 Financial Report

Action Item – Approval of Revised Resolution Naming Depositories

Teri Foster made a motion to approve **both** the April 2026 Financial Report and the Revised Resolution Naming Depositories as presented. Mara Wengryn made the second to approve **both** of the action items named above. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. COO REPORT

Shannon Erb provided the following updates:

Child Care Center Project:

- A state consultant visit related to the licensing process is scheduled for a walk-through of the new center on June 09, 2026;
- Furniture delivery and set-up scheduled for June 10 through June 11, 2026; and
- Playground equipment installation is June 15, 2026.

Decatur County Development Corporation Business of the Year Award: DCH has been named the Decatur County “Business of the Year” award recipient by the DCDC. The award will be presented at their annual fundraiser on May 29, 2026.

IX. MERCYONE REPORT

No MercyOne representative was present at the meeting.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:06pm.

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:

April 2026 Financial Report	OPC Surveys – Full Packet – April 2026
DRAFT Board Minutes –April 2026	DRAFT Medical Staff Meeting Minutes – May 2026
Pathology Turn Around Times – April 2026	Infection Control Reports – March and April 2026
PAC Committee Meeting Minutes – May 2026	Revised Resolution Naming Depositories
MercyOne Statewide Liaison Report – May 2026	Revised Policies and Procedures
Board Resolution – Child Care Center Authorization	Child Care Center Incorporation, Bylaws, and Agreements

Attest:

Sheri Frost, Secretary