DECATUR COUNTY HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
June 24, 2026 – 5:30pm

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

ABSENT: None

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 Larry Griffin. Motion carried unanimously.
III. CONSENT AGENDA
Larry Griffin made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with a second by Sheri Frost. Motion carried unanimously. (1) Meeting Minutes – May 2026; (2) May 2026 Accounts Payable (AP): $1,115,570.00; (3) May 2026 Payroll: $739,391.00; and (4) May 2026 Accounts Receivable Write-Offs: $108,557.00.
IV. PUBLIC COMMENT
Teri Foster and Sheri Frost both related positive comments concerning Emergency Department visits of which they had knowledge.
V. MEDICAL STAFF REPORT
Dr. Wehling was not present for the meeting. He submitted a written report that was distributed to each of the Board members for their review at the start of the meeting.
VI. CEO REPORT
Mike Johnston provided the CEO Update as follows: <u>Patient Transfers – May 2026:</u> 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 240 non-psych patients treated in the ED in May 2026, six (6) were transferred to tertiary facilities which yields a rounded transfer rate of 2.50% for the month. Three (3) were transferred to Blank Children's Hospital, one (1) to MercyOne in Des Moines, one (1) to Greater Regional Hospital, and one (1) to St. Luke's – Kansas City. <u>Hospital Insurance Renewal – FY2027:</u> Acting as a committee of the whole, and in accordance with Article VI, Section 2(B) of the Board Bylaws, the Board of Trustees conducted its annual review of the proposed insurance coverage of the hospital (property, liability, vehicle, etc.) for FY 2027. The Board determined, as required, that the proposed coverage was suitable to protect the assets of the hospital. <u>Rural Health Transformation Grants (Equipment) – Update on PET Scanner Implementation:</u> - Sealed bids opening is July 09, 2026; - A reminder that 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 at a time to be determined between November 23, 2026 to approximately December 22, 2026; and

- PET operational on or before December 29, 2026.

Rural Health Transformation Grant – Cancer Hub and Spoke:

Decatur County Hospital, in partnership with Wayne, Lucas, and Clarke County Hospitals, was awarded the Cancer Hub and Spoke grant in the first round by the State of Iowa and was notified on the afternoon of June 18, 2026. The total grant award for all four (4) hospitals across five (5) years is approximately $32M to significantly strengthen cancer care in southern Iowa.

New Providers Starting in August 2026:

- Dr. Viet Le (Surgical Oncologist);
- Dr. Michael Sutcliffe (Emergency Department/ Hospitalist); and
- Juanita Kahler, WHNP (Women's Health Nurse Practitioner).

Action Item – Board Resolution: Annual Designation of Location for Posting Board Meeting Notices and Compliance with House File (HF 2490)

Signed into law by the governor in May 2026, HF 2490 amended Iowa Code 21.4 to require, among other things, that the Board of Trustees annually designate a location to which meeting notices of the Board are posted within the facility. This is in addition to the notice copy posted to the hospital's website. For the purposes of HF 2490, a "meeting notice" means a draft agenda that includes the time, date, and place of each meeting as well as the tentative agenda thereof. The Board resolution presented for review and approval designates the main lobby of the hospital as the posting location utilizing either the east wall of the main lobby area between the gift shop and the PET scan area or the main registration desk on the south side of the lobby. The Chief Executive Officer was granted discretion for the exact location within the defined areas to post the notice so long as the legal requirement that the notice be in a "prominent and conspicuous place" be met. Sheri Frost made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Rebekah Mendenhall made the second. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Total gross revenue was $3.86 million in May 2026. An operating gain of $68,131.00 and a net gain of $202,277.00 were realized after tax revenue and other non-operating income in May 2026.

Action Item – Approval of May 2026 Financial Report

Sheri Frost made a motion to approve the May 2026 Financial Report with a second from Teri Foster. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Item – Approval of Hospital Budget for FY 2027

The Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees met with Mike Johnston and Tara Spidle on June 24, 2026 beginning at 4:00pm to review the proposed FY 2027 budget for Decatur County Hospital. During the regular Board meeting, Sheri Frost acting as chair of the Finance Committee recommended that the full Board accept and approve the budget as presented. Following review and discussion, Sheri Frost made a motion to approve the FY 2027 budget. Larry Griffin made the second and the motion carried unanimously.

VIII. COO REPORT

Shannon Erb presented a brief update on the upcoming open house for the new Child Care Center as well the schedule for opening the facility. A brief discussion with the Board followed.

IX. MERCYONE REPORT

No MercyOne representative was present at the meeting.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:28pm.

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/ or as part of their packets at the meeting itself:

May 2026 Financial Report	OPC Surveys – Full Packet – May 2026
DRAFT Board Minutes –May 2026	Proposed Hospital Budget – FY 2027
Pathology Turn Around Times – May 2026	Resolution – Meeting Notice Posting Location Designation
Financial Report – May 2026	Written Medical Staff Report by Dr. Wehling – June 2026
MercyOne Statewide Liaison Report – June 2026	

Attest:

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Sheri Frost, Secretary