Norton County Hospital Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes	
Date/Time: January 28, 2026	Location: Board Room

Board Members in Attendance	Position
James Moreau	Board President
Jimmy Todd	Board Vice-President
Robert Wyatt	Board Treasurer
Lee Juenemann	Board Secretary
Jerry Hawks	Board Member
Julie Campbell	Board Member
Andrew Black	Board Member

Hospital Staff in Attendance	Position
Kevin Faughnder	CEO
ReChelle Horinek	CFO
Shannan Hempler	Dir. of HR
Marissa Davis	Dir. of Quality and Risk Management
Melody Dewitt	Clinic Manager
Others in Attendance	
Matt Morris	Forvis Mazars Representative

	Agenda Item	Action and/or Time
1.	**Election of Officers (annual)**	Motion by Andrew Black to nominate Robert Wyatt for Treasurer, second by Jerry Hawks. Motion carries unanimously. Motion by Andrew Black for other board members to remain in current positions. Second by Robert Wyatt. Motion carries unanimously.
2.	**Conflict of Interest Statement and Statement of Substantial Interests for Local Office** Annual Information was dispersed and collected from members.	
3.	**2026 Signing of Signature Cards**	Motion by Robert Wyatt to remove Randa Vollertsen and Sarah Mohr, and to add new Board Member Julie Campbell to the signature cards. Second by Andrew Black. Motion carries unanimously.
4.	**Previous Board Meeting Minutes Approval** December 23, 2025 Minutes November 25, 2025 Minutes (correction)	Motion by **Robert Wyatt** to approve the minutes of the December 23, 2025 meeting. Second by **Jimmy Todd.** Motion carries unanimously. Motion by **Andrew Black** to approve the minutes of the November 25, 2025 meeting. Second by **Robert Wyatt.** Motion carries unanimously.

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5.	**Consent Agenda Items:** Personnel Information Payroll Briefing Summary c) Accounts Payable – Bills	Motion by **Jimmy Todd** to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented. Second by **Robert Wyatt** Motion carries unanimously.
6.	**Forvis Mazars Financial Report** Representative Matt Morris presented the Financial Report for fiscal year 2025. Matt highlighted the improvements made by NCH over the past few years.	Motion by **Andrew Black** to approve the fiscal year 2025 cost report. Second by **Jimmy Todd** Motion carries unanimously
7.	**Risk Management/Quality Assurance** Marissa Davis presented statistics from incident reporting.	
8.	**Medical Clinic Update** Melody DeWitt, the Norton Medical Clinic Manager, shared the clinic statistics for December 2025. Overall volumes are trending in a positive direction.	
9.	**Medical Staff Credentialing Application**	N/A
10.	**CFO Report of Statistical/Financial Information** ReChelle Horinek, the Chief Financial Officer (CFO), presented statistical and financial information. For the month of December 2025. Monthly Net profit = $21,888 YTD Net Loss = $108,711	
11.	**Financial Affairs of Non-Elected Personnel** Financial Assistance YTD: $83,670.46 Bad Debt to Collections YTD: $276,178.75 Bankruptcy YTD: -- No additional amounts to send to collections.	
12	**Nursing & Ancillary Report** Nursing is working with Risk and Quality to improve EMTALA forms and satisfaction surveys. Lab completed their survey and has been issued a 2-year certification from COLA. Specialty Clinics is working on schedule changes for some of the specialists coming to Norton. Radiology had 5691 exams in 2025. Working with Apollo Flight Crew and the KU Med to bring new and continuing education for nurses and providers.	

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13.	**CEO Report** Kevin Faughnder, the Chief Executive Officer, provided a comprehensive report on various initiatives and updates: • Signed agreement with Madison Aspegren, PA. for ER & clinic. • Kansas medical license pending for Dr. Encinas. • HPM Clinic is adding a third day in the month. • Patient Termination Letters were sent out for non-payment of services. • Nex-Tech is upgrading the telephone systems. • Patient Surveys are being updated. • Representative Tracey Mann has a visit scheduled to the hospital.	
14.	**Commissioner Report** No Report	
15	**Board Member Report** Request for a more timely distribution of board meeting information to the public including print as well as electronic.	
16.	**Other Business**	
17.	**Executive Session: Non-Elected Personnel**	**James Moreau** moved to enter into executive session: K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) to discuss non-elected personnel with the Board and CEO present not to exceed 30 minutes. Seconded by **Robert Wyatt**. Motion carried unanimously. The executive session begins at 7:01 p.m. Exit at 7:30 p.m.
18.	**Board Action from Executive Session** None	
19.	**Adjourn**	Meeting adjourned at 7:31pm.

Lee Jueneman, Secretary