

**Montezuma County Hospital District Regular Board Meeting
EMS Training Room
September 10, 2025**

Present:

Brandon Johnson, Chairperson
Gerald “Jerry” Whited, Director
Sean Flaherty, Director
Bob Ower, Director
Scott Anderson, Director

Also Present:

Rob Owens, SHS Plant Operations Dir
Peter Rehn, Owner’s Representative
Adam Conley, SHS CFO
Eric Croke, SHS Vice-Chair
Joe Theine, SHS CEO
Abby Nuetzel, Director

<u>Recorded by:</u>
Leah Wright
<u>Counsel:</u>
Keenen Lovett, MCHD Attorney
<u>Excused/Absent:</u>

Agenda Item/Topic	Findings and Discussions	Conclusions, Recommendations, Actions, and/or Motions	Follow-up Responsible Party
Call to order	MCHD Chair Brandon Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.		
Roll Call	The roll was called by Mr. Flaherty.		
Public Comment	None.		
Consent Agenda	August 13, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes Payment of Bills	It was moved and seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented with the addition of McCabe bill and a Capital Infrastructure update. Motion: Bob Ower Second: Sean Flaherty Motion carried.	
<u>REPORTS and ACTION ITEMS</u>			
SHS Board Report	SHS Board Vice-Chair Eric Croke informed the MCHD Board that SHS is currently trying to reduce patient migration. Mr. Croke is very pleased with the way the two boards are currently working together and bring the statement		

	of “Care Close to Home” into fruition in the community. The Southwest Health system Board and management are guided toward long term health and a long term Dr./Patient relationship. There is currently one opening on the SHS Board since Shirley is termed out. The Nominating Committee is handling interviews and such.		
SHS Operating Report – CEO Joe Theine	Mr. Theine advised the Board that budget planning is taking place and the budget is set to increase access to care, not thinking of reducing care. The budget does have the funds to move the clinic HER to Cerner, the current HER that the hospital is using. There is still some uncertainty with the One Big Beautiful Bill. The UC Health did receive a settlement in a case that is not going to require the payback of \$1.4 million. Estimated bill for upcoming year, beginning in October has not come in, but there is a estimation that we will receive less funding from the Chase Program. The latest legislative session in Colorado gave the Governor control to reconcile the budget and he chose to rescind the 1.6 million increase in Medicaid funding which will result in less provider payments for patients with Medicare. Both Boards will begin to work with the help of Medical Executive Committee on strategic planning for the upcoming years.		
SHS Finance Report – CFO Adam Conley	Adam Conley, CFO Reviewed the graphs which held collections, expenses, operating margin and Days Cash On Hand. Days Cash on Hand is currently at 110 days without the restrictions or 84 days with. Births and admissions were down and length of stay was at 4.0 days. There has been an increase in Medicare patients from 26% to 30%. All stats were better than budgeted and prior year. Salaries are going down as contract labor rises, this is due to the coming in of locums and staff needed to cover both clinic and hospital. EBIDA was negative \$27.00 or 3.254 compared to the 62 last year. There is currently 4.2 million in the reserve account for capital improvements.		

MCHD Financial Report – Sean Flaherty Scty/Treas	MCHD Scty/Treas Sean Flaherty reviewed the enclosed bank statements. Received sales and use tax deposits for August are sales tax \$186,366.40 and mill levy of \$12,567.47. The transaction list was distributed. Mr. Flaherty did make a call to the Mozer Financial Advisor and there is currently \$800,000 in the investment account and he suggests moving it to a market mutual fund, this would increase the find by \$26k (estimated) a year and MCHD could possibly add more once the move has been completed. MCHD is required to complete and submit an certified audit to the State of Colorado and has not done so for 2024 and 2025. Mr. Flaherty wanted a note to be made to keep an eye on this for future purposes and if accounting services are changed. This delay could impose MCHD in a delay of collecting sales tax next month. It was advised to send this to Cutler review and send as soon as possible.	Mr. Flaherty made a motion to move the \$800,000 from the investment account into a FTIXX money market account. MOTION: Sean Flaherty SECOND: Jerry Whited Motion carried. A motion was made by Mr. Flaherty to engage with John Cuttser to complete the 2024 and 2025 audit. MOTION: Jerry Whited SECOND: Abby Nuetzel Motion carried.	
Owner’s Representative Report – Peter Rehn, CAPM	Mr. Rehn discussed the progress made on landscaping project and stated he does have the contracts in hands for completion. The water that runs off in the building will have new concrete and it will be raised by two inches to prevent the water running back into building. The water collected will follow a path in the landscaping into a underground reserve area that will help preserve the building. Glycol - has the three operational zones that are working and four that are not. These four can be reactivated after the leaks		Mr. Rehn to reach out to Nunn to get former plans and let rest of Board

Capital Infrastructure Report – Peter Rehn	are corrected. There is a estimation of \$20,500 additional cost for glycol tubes being installed. It was suggested that Mr. Rehn reach out to Nunn to see former plans and what had been completed before going further with this. Abby did mention that there be a workmanship warranty in place. Mr. Anderson gave a quick irrigation update and said he has not heard back from anyone and is still working on a proposal with an irrigation company, it is believed that the South Campus issues can be resolved for around \$1,500. Mr. Rehn reported on the RTU 2. Mr. Rehn suggested a motion to approve additional expenses to replace the two compressors on the RTU above imaging of \$6,670 out of the Capital Infrastructure account. Rob Owens did inform MCHD that we are currently down to the last two pallets of lighting and are on tract to complete by Thanksgiving.	A motion was made to approve the additional expense of \$6,670 out of the capital infrastructure account to replace the two compressors of the RTU above Diagnostic Imaging. MOTION: Sean Flaherty SECOND: Jerry Whited Motion passed.	members know status at a “Special Meeting” if needed
Foundation Report	Foundation Representative Bob Ower advised that there is going to be a fundraiser gala at the Chamber of Commerce building on October 25th from 4:30-7:00.		
Optional Board Member Presentation/Report	Sean Flaherty touched on the current status of the website. Sonny is hoping to have website complete by end of month. There was a discussion on emails and board members. Air quality sensors – purple is the go to and Air Classic would be around \$300.00 for the sensor.		
Attorney Report	Mr. Lovett did not have an attorney report.		

Adjournment		It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:48pm. MOTION: Jerry Whited SECOND: Sean Flaherty Motion carried.	
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Bridgett Jabour, MCHD Secretary

Sean Flaherty, Secretary/Treasurer