

**Montezuma County Hospital District Regular Board Meeting
EMS Training Room
March 18, 2026**

Present:

Also Present:

Brandon Johnson, Chairperson	Adam Conley, SHS CFO (via Teams)	<u>Recorded by:</u>
Bob Ower, Vice Chair	Eric Croke, SHS Vice-Chair	Bridgett Jabour, Secretary
Sean Flaherty, Scty/Treas	Joe Theine, SHS CEO	
Abby Nuetzel, Director	Danny Ettelson, Collective Energy (via Teams)	<u>Counsel:</u>
Scott Anderson, Director	Damon Taugher, Collective Energy (via Teams)	Keenen Lovett, MCHD Attorney
Marti Justice, Director	Rob Owens, Plant Operations Director	
Jerry Whited, Director		<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.		
Swearing In of Marti Justice		Mr. Lovett swore in new board member Marti Justice to the MCHD Board.	
Change/Additions to Agenda	Replace in consent agenda a new invoice from McCabe for \$2577.47 Inv 6917 replacing the enclosed that had a previous balance showing which had already been paid.	It was moved and seconded to approve the change to the consent agenda total bill pay as described. Motion carried.	
Public Comment	None.		
Consent Agenda	February 18, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes Payment of Bills	It was moved and seconded to approve the consent agenda with McCabe bill amount correction and correction to minutes. MOTION: Sean Flaherty	

		SECOND: Bob Ower Motion carried.	
<u>REPORTS and ACTION ITEMS</u>			
SHS Board Report	SHS Board Chair Eric Croke advised the board that the volumes have been lower than anticipated, looking at long term and short-term review of operations. The SHS Board values MCHD input in these discussions.	Abby Nuetzel was appointed to attend the Long Term Multi-Disciplinary team scheduled for April 10 th on behalf of MCHD board.	Ms. Jabour will forward the invite.
SHS CEO Joe Theine Operational Report SHS CFO Adam Conley Financial Report	Mr. Theine provided an enclosed report and also advised that the month of February volumes will look more like January, but that volumes are recovering in March. Actively identifying revenue gaps to see if we need to make some changes if our financials do not move in a positive direction, executive leadership continues to develop options if needed. Other hospitals are seeing similar trends. April 13 th is go live for Cerner implementation unifying the clinic EHR and hospital EHR. SHS CFO Adam reviewed January financials with the MCHD Board. SHS is well under budget for volumes. Patient days were lower than budget and have been trending down the last few months. Net Revenue for January is -\$686k. EBIDA is -\$182k for January. DCOH is 107 days. Ratios and operational analysis reviewed.		
MCHD Financial Report – Sean Flaherty Scty/Treas	Mr. Flaherty advised that the previously-approved \$1m moved from cash to the Vectra Wealth Management account. Feb sales tax deposit from Jan is \$215,009.70		
Capital Infrastructure Committee	The minutes from the meeting are enclosed. Additionally, Troutner GEotech drilled last week for final design plans for fuel oil system and anticipating the final report by the end of March. Add sewer structure has lots of degraded pipe, need to do a scope every single drain line and prepare a report,		

	<p>level of degradation and priority list based on the results. We are constantly replacing sewer lines. Look at options to sleeve if the pipe is not too degraded.</p> <p>Pricing Scoping Price and Report Recommendation by Capital Infrastructure Committee: Athlete Sewer Line Assessment proposal anticipates \$3200/day for 2-5 days \$6400-\$16k. They will identify the main areas of concern and create a prioritized list that can be shared with contractors wishing to bid on the project construction.</p>	<p>It was moved and seconded to approve up to \$20k spending towards the Sewer Scoping Project as recommended by the Capital Infrastructure Committee MOTION: Jerry Whited SECOND: Abby Neutzel Motion carried.</p>	
<p>Collective Energy Introduction Microgrid Project Owner's Rep</p>	<p>Collective Energy Representative Danny Ettelson provided a report on the Collective Energy anticipated plan and general timeline and milestones of the project. Collective has completed projects with the same grant funding and project type as MCHD has been awarded. Preliminary design for battery backup. Collective will serve as Project Manager, owners rep and manage all aspects. Looking at 60 weeks to complete once begun. All work and payments will be paid to Collective Energy for all aspects of the project. Their oversight will be virtual except for some on-site for design and commissioning. It was noted that the batteries are built to order and Collective will update on project and schedule to report every 2-3 weeks to MCHD.</p>		
<p>Foundation Report, Bob Ower</p>	<p>Mr. Ower advised that contributions are still incoming with \$8k awarded this month for cancer grants. The Foundation is working to award these grants right away to eligible individuals.</p>		
<p>Optional Board Member Presentation/Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MCHD Manager / Admin Assistant Job Duties 	<p>The draft MOU provided by SHS was reviewed by McCabe's office. It will be circulated to the board and request any questions or concerns right away for further discussion.</p>		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ER Landscaping Project 	<p>Landscaping ideas will be discussed at the workshop/tour of the grounds.</p>		
<p>Attorney Report</p>	<p>Any board members appointed due to vacancies, your term goes to the next regularly scheduled election (Next May). There will be quite a few openings for the May election, May 27, 2027 term ends and you self-nominate. If we have more nomination forms than positions available, there will be an election. Contract with Collective Energy, was a part of their RFP. None were noted. With that, Mr. Lovett reviewed the items of concern, including termination language and open meeting laws and other items. Look for authority for McCabe's office to complete and Brandon to sign. Submit report and attend board meeting. Could there be a way to tie in timelines once developed with RFP and timelines and expectations.</p>	<p>It was moved and seconded to approve McCabe's office to complete the negotiations with Collective Energy with the items discussed allowing Mr. Johnson to sign when McCabe's office is satisfied with the language. MOTION: Abby Neutzel SECOND: Jerry Whited Motion carried.</p>	
<p>Adjournment</p>		<p>It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:pm. Motion carried.</p>	

Bridgett Jabour, MCHD Secretary

Sean Flaherty, Secretary/Treasurer