

SOMERVELL COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
D/B/A GLEN ROSE MEDICAL CENTER
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2026 AT 12 PM
HOSPITAL BOARD ROOM

MINUTES

- I. **The meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm.**
- II. **Six (6) members were present (creating a quorum). Margaret Drake was not present.**
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. **Public Comments – None.**
- V. Discuss and if necessary, take action on Amending/Approval of minutes from previous board meetings.
 - a. February 24, 2026 @ 12:00 Noon
 - b. March 2, 2026 @ 12:15 PM

Mary Collier moved to approve the minutes from previous board meetings. Dr. Vacek seconded (2nd) the motion. The motion carried 6-0.
- VI. Hear report on Financial Statements and Independent Auditor’s Report from Forvis for the Fiscal Year Ended 9-30-2025.

Report was given by Christa at Forvis for the Fiscal Year Ended 9-30-2025.
- VII. Discuss and if necessary take action to accept Independent Auditor’s Report from Forvis for Fiscal Year Ended 9-30-2025.

Joe Cathey moved to accept the Independent Auditor’s Report from Forvis for Fiscal Year Ended 9-30-25. Mary Collier seconded (2nd) the motion. The motion carried 6-0.
- VIII. CFO Report
 - a. February 2026 Financial Report

The CFO gave the February 2026 Financial report. February was a better month we ended with an income of \$46K. She is working with the Department Directors on how they are currently doing on their budgets. Looks like we can reasonably slowly start cutting up to \$600K per year from our expenses. Our expectation is that March will be a better month. In May we will stop paying for the old EHR system which will help.

Our CEO talked about multiple areas we are hoping to see a drop or at least staying steady with other expenses around the hospital. Including items like EMS Services and Radiology services. Details and other items discussed by the CEO will be presented in Item IX.

Financially, we have over \$5M in Capital Assets. Our cash on hand/liquidity need improvement. This year is going to be tough, but we hope to improve our revenue each month. It has been encouraging to see that we have an increase in our appointments and our growth in surgery and inpatient stays are higher. Operationally we are feeling much better.

IX. CEO Report –

a. Items discussed during item X – CFO Report

We will send out an RFP for EMS Services. We are hoping to decrease the expense of this service. We will want to include Somervell County EMS, Pecan EMS, Faulk EMS and Care Flight. It was asked by one of the Board members if we would have a Primary EMS Service and then backups? We discussed that it could be a Primary with them having agreements for backup or it could be hybrid. We are willing to look at all options. When discussing the EMS RFP our CNO wanted to acknowledge our Somervell County EMS team during an incident. They stayed and were very helpful and we really appreciated their assistance. Also discussed was our Radiology contract. We had looked into a new Radiology service through TORCH, but they were very comparable and it didn't seem advantageous to change if there was not a significant cost savings or better quality of reads. We are looking at our salaries currently. They are based off of TORCH salaries among all the like rural hospitals. We will look at having CHC do a salary evaluation on all our salaries. We want to make sure we are staying where we should be. We will possibly have them do a staffing evaluation. The BBB (Big Beautiful Bill) was discussed. The State has not exactly decided how to distribute the monies received by the BBB for Rural Hospitals. They are working on it now. We will be attending the TORCH Conference in April and HHS will be there to discuss the possible distributions to the Rural Hospital through the BBB. We are also looking at the possibility of moving from Athen to Meditech in the Clinic. Currently we are renegotiating pricing with Athena. If they can get the percentages down enough it would be good to stay with them if they could be on an even playing field like Meditech in pricing.

b. REM

There will be a concert in July at the Amphitheater. Look for announcements on social media.

c. Community Needs Assessment

We are still looking to have Strategic Planning Meetings for future growth, but the Amazon Data Center has thrown it behind as they look to secure their plans in Somervell County. This will either impact us with an abatement or tax monies.

We are looking forward to having Tim, who was here presenting during our Ignite the Patient Experience Seminar, come in the next couple of weeks to assist us in putting together committees comprised of a mixture of staff including our front-line staff.

d. Physician Recruitment

We have been in a building stage and are now looking to move forward with our new doctors and lines of services. We will be moving forward with the creation of a Wound Care Center to better assist our patients. Dr Conrad and our VP of Clinical Operations will tackle this project and a Med Spa. We are looking forward to Dr. Benson joining us on the second (2nd) Wednesday of each month starting in May. We are hoping to increase that 1 day a month to two (2) in the near future.

e. High Five

Stacy Clifton won the High Five award for February. Her patients and all of us here at the hospital appreciate all she does in PT.

f. Grants

We received the Financial Stabilization Grant that we discussed in last month's Board Meeting. The amount is \$500K plus over a 2-year period. We should be receiving the \$224K for the first year soon. This will go to pay the second installment for the purchase of Dr Aboukhair's clinic. That is what we earmarked the fund to go to in the grant application.

g. Meditech

Meditech is day-to-day. We are working to make sur that everything is moving smoothly. There are some issues with a couple of interfaces and report writing but we are working to fix those issues.

h. Facility Updates

We have a UC Settlement payment of \$750K from payments made to us by Medicaid during 2022. This was caused by the adjustment of our pricing, cost-to-charge, ratio. We dropped our pricing to a more competitive pricing a couple of years ago and this is where we got hit with the payback. We were able to set up a monthly payment plan for the next six months.

i. Election Update

The Early Election dates will be April 20th through April 28th at the Glen Rose ISD Administration building. We will be having a joint election with GRISD. Election Day is May 2nd at Glen Rose City Hall.


X. New Business

One of the Board members asked if Wes from the Appraisal District will come to talk to us? Our CEO said we would have him come talk to us during the budgeting season due to the impact of the Amazon Data Center. Our CEO spoke with Patrick at the plant, and he had said that the data center had site plans in Hood County but due to issues they are now in the redevelopment phase for the Somervell County site. Therefore, they are in a lull period.


XI. Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Dr. Vacek and seconded (2nd) by Max Bly. The motion carried 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 1:14 pm.

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Ron Hankins, President



Joe Cathey, Vice President



Max Bly

NOT PRESENT
Margaret Drake



Dr. Steven Vacek

Mary Collier



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