

**MINUTES OF THE KEARNY COUNTY HOSPITAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
August 17, 2010**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pauline Neff, Hatty Rebel, Ralph Reimer, Tom Vincent, Marilyn Wolfe, Jon Wheat and Raymond Yakel.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dave Bose, CRNA; Heather Combs Platter; Helen Heinitz, ARNP; John Loebel, CEO; Tammy Meisel, ARNP; Julie Munson, DO; Erik Sandstrom, MD; Larry Combs; Tom Wright IV; Jana Jenkinson and Missy Gerritzen

The Special Meeting of the Kearny County Hospital Board of Directors was called to order by Jon Wheat, Chairman at 5:32 pm.

Jon opened the meeting by thanking all of the employees who volunteered their time during the election.

There was much discussion with the Kearny County Board of Commissioners regarding the four requests they made of the KCH Board at the August 9 Commissioners' meeting.

1. The county commissioners requested a profit and loss statement for High Plains Retirement Village. KCH will make this available to the county commissioners upon completion of the annual independent audit in September.
2. The county commissioners requested that the KCH Board consider having an operational audit of the entire KCH organization and they recommended Dr. Robert Moser to perform the audit. He is experienced in consulting with hospitals and healthcare organizations and providing recommendations for improvement. Prior to moving to Wichita, Dr Moser was affiliated with the hospital in Tribune. As Dr Moser has experience practicing in a critical access hospital in southwestern Kansas, the KCH Board believes his opinion will be well-respected. However, the KCH Board asked whether there would be any conflict of interest since the Greeley County hospital may compete for patients with KCH and their physicians are also members of the same physician peer review group as KCH. All KCH Board members were in favor of the County Commissioners acquiring more information from Dr Moser including the cost and scope of the project.
3. The county commissioners requested that the KCH Board consider reviewing the lease with Dr. Juhl. The current lease is a three year agreement that is valid through June 30, 2011. The KCH Board felt that any discussion of terms should be part of the negotiation of a new lease that would go into effect on July 1, 2011.
4. The county commissioners requested that the KCH Board consider implementing a pay differential for employees of KCH who live outside Kearny County. There was much discussion about this topic with the KCH Board opposed to the consideration.

John Loebel provided an update on the utilization of the line of credit. The Board voted to increase the line of credit with Kearny County Bank from \$600,000 to \$800,000 for a period of six (6) months.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 6:15 pm with all KCH Board members, County Commissioners, John Loebel and Heather Combs Platter invited to stay. The purpose of the Executive Session was to discuss advice of hospital counsel regarding potential litigation. As the business to discuss did not pertain to the County Commissioners, members of the Commission opted to leave the meeting. Scott Good, manager of information services for KCH, joined the meeting for the Executive Session. The Board returned from Executive Session at 6:40 pm. The Board unanimously voted to move forward with the recommendation of hospital counsel.

It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Reimer, Secretary

Approved:

Jon Wheat, Chairman

Heather Combs Platter, Recording Secretary