

**McDonough District Hospital
Board of Directors Meeting
June 16, 2025**

The Board of Directors of McDonough District Hospital (MDH) met on Monday, June 16, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Third Floor Board Room. The meeting was called to order by Jere Greuel, Chairman of the MDH Board of Directors, and roll call was taken. The following Board members were present: Jere Greuel, Dr. Curt Farr, Wanda Foster, Dave Garner, Dan O'Neill, Kathy Neumann, Ryan Riggins, and Seth Minter.

Also present: Bill Murdock, President/CEO
Dr. Mary Kathleen Lockard, MDH Medical Staff President
Sherri Hitchcock, VP CFO
Wayne Laramie, VP and CNO
Bill Corbin, VP Chief Human Resources Officer
Patrick Osterman, VP Business Strategy
Gloria Bamforth, VP Medical Group
Ronda Baker, Executive Assistant

Guests: Dr. Jennifer Jones, Pathology

JoEllen Pensinger monitored the meeting by remote connection but did not participate in discussions or votes.

Public Comment

There was none at this time.

Medical Staff Recognition and Director Roundtable Discussion

Bill Murdock introduced Jennifer Jones, MD, MDH Pathology. Dr. Jones shared information on her family background, her decision to choose the pathology program, her length of employment at MDH, the processes she performs in Lab, Lab services she oversees, an auto verification process, the Lab's recent College of American Pathologist (CAP) inspection/accreditation, partnering with Rushville Lab and serving as Rushville's Medical Director.

Dr. Jones left the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Wayne Laramie addressed this month's roundtable discussion question, "What measures are we taking to improve patient care and safety, and how are we tracking our progress?" Wayne discussed the multiple healthcare regulations we are faced with, there not being a lot of room for creativity in our services we provide, the utilization of best practices, reading evidence, measuring/tracking/trending efforts, the benefits of rounding, the goal to move in the correct direction, the desire to have repeat customers, the process to strengthen employees while engaging and listening to them, healthcare being challenging work, reminding all employees of our mission, vision, and values, striving for providing the best customer service, MDH's Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) star rating, improving versus status quo, moving from good to great making it a lot easier, celebrating with our frontline teams on their successes, and appreciating feedback from our customers on any possible improvement processes.

Wayne Laramie complimented Wanda Foster, former Chief Nursing Officer, for gifting us with a great team, which is infectious and contagious, as it is not that way in some healthcare facilities. Wayne thanked Bill Murdock and Wanda along with MDH Board of Directors for this opportunity. MDH earning an "A" grade for hospital safety from the Leapfrog Group, for the Spring 2025 grading period, and the promotion efforts associated with this were discussed.

Dr. Lockard left the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the MDH Board meeting and executive session on May 19th, 2025, were reviewed by the board. As noted, the May 19, 2025, executive session minutes will be amended.

A motion was made by Dr. Farr and seconded by Dave Garner to approve MDH Board of Director minutes and amended executive session minutes as discussed from May 19th, 2025. Motion carried.

Medical Staff Reports / Updates – Dr. Farr

Dr. Farr reviewed the medical staff applications for initial appointment to include, Danilo Martins, MD, Melissa “Mimi” Pounders, FNP, Joshua McDonald, MD, and Jennifer Pitts, MD along with medical staff voluntary resignations.

A motion was made by Dan O’Neill and seconded by Dave Garner to approve the medical staff applications for initial appointment. Motion carried.

Administrative Verbal Reports / Updates

Bill Murdock, President/CEO, shared updates to include recruitment efforts for leadership and providers, assistance from recruitment firms, repurposing of former office space on third floor, grant submissions, an upcoming physician candidate visit, Nurse Practitioner (NP) transition activity, charging stations on campus, the Veterans Administration (VA) leasing of office space on our campus, the 911 call center relocation, our Computerized Tomography (CT) services, and Dr. Tim Biagini’s transition to MDH.

Administrative Committee Report

The Administrative Committee minutes from May 27, 2025, were reviewed and an amendment will be made to the motion regarding adjournment.

A motion was made by Dr. Farr and seconded by Dan O’Neill to approve the Administrative Committee meeting minutes from May 27, 2025, as amended. Motion carried.

Finance Committee Report – No report at this time.

Old Business

New Business

Ordinance # 130 Annual Ordinance Appropriation for July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 was reviewed. The cost of healthcare equipment and use of our shared purchasing program was discussed.

A motion was made by Dave Garner and seconded by Dr. Farr to approve Ordinance #130 Annual Ordinance Appropriation for July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026. A roll call vote was taken.

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Farr	x	
Foster	x	
Garner	x	
Greuel	x	
Minter	x	
Neumann	x	
O’Neill	x	
Riggins	x	

Motion carried.

The resolution establishing prevailing wage along with current classifications and rates for McDonough County was reviewed.

A motion was made by Dan O'Neill and seconded by Dave Garner to approve the resolution establishing prevailing wage. A roll call vote was taken.

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Farr	x	
Foster	x	
Garner	x	
Greuel	x	
Minter	x	
Neumann	x	
O'Neill	x	
Riggins	x	

Motion carried.

A banking resolution from Morton Community Bank was reviewed.

A motion was made by Ryan Riggins and seconded by Seth Minter to approve the banking resolution. Motion carried.

At 6:13 p.m., a motion was made by Dan O'Neill and seconded by Dave Garner to go into executive session for the purpose of open meeting act exception: 5 ILCS120/2(c)21, 5 ILCS120/2(c)(1), 120/2(c)(2), 120/2(c)(3), 120/2(c)(11), and 120/2(c)17. A roll call vote was taken.

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Farr	x	
Foster	x	
Garner	x	
Greuel	x	
Minter	x	
Neumann	x	
O'Neill	x	
Riggins	x	

Motion carried.

At 6:23 p.m., the meeting returned to regular session with 8 board members present, Bill Murdock, and Ronda Baker.

Miscellaneous / Discussion

Provider contract language, and the quarterly strategic planning session was mentioned.

Jere Greuel appointed Wanda Foster to the MDH Administrative Committee.

At 6:24 p.m., with no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Dr. Farr and seconded by Ryan Riggins to adjourn. Motion carried.

Ryan Riggins
Secretary / Treasurer MDH Board of Directors