McDonough District Hospital
Board of Directors Meeting
September 21, 2026

The Board of Directors of McDonough District Hospital (MDH) met on Monday, September 21, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Third-Floor Board Room. The meeting was called to order by Dan O'Neill, Chairman. Roll call was taken. Board members present were Seth Minter, Kathy Neumann, Dan O'Neill, JoEllen Pensinger, Ryan Riggins, Dave Garner, and Jere Greuel.

Excused: Dr. Curt Farr

Also present: Wanda Foster, Interim President/CEO
Melissa Onion, Interim CNO
Bill Corbin, VP/Chief Human Resources Officer
Gloria Bamforth, VP MDH Medical Group
Patrick Osterman, VP Business Strategy
Brittany Moore, Foundation Director
Brittany Doll, Director Laboratory
Sydney Boston, Admin Assistant

Guests included: Shane Miller, MDH Community Pharmacy, Brittany Moore, Director of Foundation, Dr. Lockard, and Lynne Campbell, Community News Brief

Public Comment
Shane Miller-Vehicle wrap will be completed before next parade for the MDH pharmacy

CEO Report – Wanda Foster

- Teresa Smith CFO of Carthage Memorial will be here on Thursday afternoons to help with workflows and gather expertise.
- Captive Insurance Company- Alexis Vonholt had a call last week- we are able to postpone annual meeting that would be in November- will be the first of the year when we have new CEO in place.
- Ambulance task force continues to meet- waiting second meeting with a vendor in the next couple of weeks- also looking at internal options and pricing
- Gayle Carper- retired attorney- life classes on Open Meetings Act- will do a Pre Bard educational meeting on OMA 4:30pm-5:30pm before next board meeting October 19th-Sydney Boston will send an invite for this to all members of the board.
- The board packet includes a letter from recent patient complimenting the services he received during a recent inpatient stay at MDH.

Medical Staff Office Report: Dr. Mary Kathleen Lockard

- Quarterly Med Staff Meeting- Dr. Sands started in Family Clinic and interested in the OB Clinic- wonderful addition to the medical staff.

Consent Agenda: Dan O'Neill

- *Review and request the approval of consent agenda items*:
  - August 24, 2026, Board Meeting Open and Closed Session Minutes
  - September 16, 2026, Finance Committee Meeting Open and Closed Session Minutes
  - Medical Staff Office Report
    - Applications for Initial Appointments
    - Request for Additional Privileges

A motion was made by Ryan Riggins and seconded by Dave Garner to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Kathy Kneumann- No new updates

Finance Committee-

Ryan Riggins

- ERC Money came in- increased 18 days cash on hand.
- Brittany Doll working on 25 workflow streams now on Rev Cycle Committee.
- Ryan had a good conversation with Alexis Vonholt for the finance committee and what is wanted for the presentation along with what we could add or take away. Please reach out if you have any requests for this.

Jo Ellen Pensinger

- Oct 7th meeting for search committee- will be conducting online interviews via Teams on Nov 18th and 19th all day both days- 2 hours per person.
- Narrow down to 2-3 candidates Dec 3rd and 4th Dec 7th and 8th Dec 10th and 11th and will schedule to go around town and talk to people around town along with MDH staff.
- The following week, the committee will be making the final decision- this will be done before Christmas.
- Week of Dec 14th- request a special board meeting to be able to make an offer to new CEO.

Ops Council-

Melissa Onion, Interim CNO

- Courtni Runser our Grant Writer- doing great on all of the grants- RHT funding has been submitted- only waiting on the state to hear results- Rural Health Transformation Grant- will collaborate with Rushville Culbertson and Carthage Memorial.
- RHT- there will be 3 other grant opportunities as well.
- Update on RMOMS HERSA Grant- Sept 30th we will get the deposit- Oct 1st is our first welcome meeting.
- Dr. Smith spoke at the regional conference for our project and Grant.
- Emergency preparedness training for mass causality in November that Edgar will be leading.
- AHA- patient safety and innovation conference in Indianapolis in November that Melissa and Brittany will both attend and speak at.
- Rev Cycle deep dive- we are making great progress on this.

Gloria Bamforth, **VP MDH Medical Group**

- Ortho continues to grow- Dr. Welchlin going to WIU football games as the Ortho Doc- Serving the WIU athletes
- Dr. Welchlin increasing days and numbers of surgeries he is providing to accommodate patients
- Family Medicine- Dr. Sands ramping up and growing her patient panel- Quincy patients have followed her here to continue care
- Two providers will be retiring in the upcoming months- provider recruiting has been very active
- Brittney Taylor transferred full time from family clinic to wound clinic. She is certified in lymphedema treatment.
- Community Pharmacy scripts continue to grow- we beat our record with 224 for the day
- Deliveries are increasing as well for pharmacy
- Seeking two replacement pharmacists (one left in August and one is leaving in one week)
- MRI exploring options for new and updated MRI machine
- Dr. Lieber returning Tuesday, October 27th
- Rick Crossett is helping a couple of days a week in the community pharmacy

Bill Corbin, **VP/Chief Human Resources Officer**

- HR- PROS committee- movie in the park this Saturday.

- Oct 2nd Years of Service Celebration- this will be at Park Place from 5:30pm -7:30pm. There are 68 employees with 875 years of service combined 55 years will be rewarded to Connie Starbuck.
- Provider Recruitment- Family, Ortho PA or NP, Ophthalmology.
- New Family Medicine Doctor will start in January.
- Trying to reach out to medical students- ENT rotation coming up, UIC RMED from Peoria will be 2027.
- Our recruiter (Devin) going to Rockford tomorrow.
- Plant Engineering- progress HSB2 GI/SX is 95% complete, admitting project completed, HSB2 west exterior door new on the back.
- Environmental Service- we have moved linins back in house saving about $14,000 per month.
- Public Safety- reducing hours/coverage- plant engineering helping cover this now $106,000 annual savings.
- No Updated on 9-1-1 center.

Patrick Osterman, VP Business Strategy

- Renovation at North Layfette- new flooring- phase 3 workouts will be back in that area.
- Expanding Hours for during the week for the sports performance center with Tim Piper.
- Compliance- IDPH for guidance on New Medical Aid in Dying Law
    - Physicians can opt out of this.
    - Shane Miller said it is a combination of drugs- 2 requests have to be made for this to undergo and be coordinated with a doctor.
    - Will have an ethics committee meeting to see if we would like to endorse this or not.
- Quarterly Cooperate compliance meeting this week.
- Education opportunities for WIU students.
- Veteran and Senior Fair at SRC last week- with Dan Swanson about 160 vendors, will do it next year again.
- WIU Homecoming parade October 24th, we are the game sponsor for the game.
- Alexa and Pat met with Carthage for marketing- working as a team.
- Flu Clinics- starting next week- will have patient stories.
- Social Media videos doing very well- please like and share these.
- SRC is hosting a career fair for area sophomores- we will have a few tables there to represent MDH.

Brittany Moore, Director of Foundation

- 66,400 raised at the Golf Tournament.
- Annual appeal letter will be sent out first week of November- new fluoroscopy system, new MRI, and portable imaging camera.
- Business Partner Drive- late October will go around town and go with draft proposals for businesses to look at and review and see if they want to be a partner.
- Harvest Meals- local farmers around 200 meals- as we did last years Oct 6th and 7th.
- Power of 100- raising funds- 100 people $100 each, look at external funding and see where the most need will be for this money.
- Grants- 2.2 million in grants that we are waiting to hear back on that we have submitted.
- Linda's Fund- $12,000 raised in Blandinsville at Sloops, funds from golf tournament in Bushnell- unknown number raised, Golf for the Girls at country club golf- unknow number raised.

Brittany Doll, Director of Laboratory

- Lab- CAP self inspection- prepping, drive through very high volumes over the past 3 months with 821 in June, 879 in July, and 835 August.
- Radiology- 340B savings- looking at our contrast that we use and workflow for savings of $40,000 a year.
- Cardiology- reviewing charges and service options- Kelsie Cunningham continues to grow.
- Rev Cycle- 25 workstreams- moving 20, 40, 60 day plan for the department directors.
    - Handout was provided to all at attendance in board meeting- "Rev Cycle 101".

    - Material will be used when onboarding new directors as well as continued education for directors.
- Denial Management- we have separated these in categories to prioritize easy and hard so we can work through them more.
- Discharged Not Final Billed (DNFB)- has been over 9 days out and we want it under 5 days. Our coding is outsourced- 3rd or 4th company we have been working with- we need coding policies- we have many specialties and needs different policies for each one.
- Prior Authorization and registration education have been occurring.

Old Business:

- The Board discussed vacancies on the PHO Board and the MDH Insurance Company Board.

A motion was made by Dan O'Neill and seconded by Jere Greuel to fill the PHO Board vacancy with Alexis Vonholt. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dan O'Neill and seconded by Jere Greuel to fill the MDH Insurance Company vacancy with Alexis Vonholt. Motion carried.

New Business:

- Sale of 2.07 Acres for $82,800 south side of our property. This parcel is where the trees are located on the east side of Candy Lane. Dr Lockard asking who is buying- told a family to build a house.
- No closing date set yet.
- A motion was made by Dan O'Neill and seconded by Dave Garner for the sale of the property. Motion carried.

Role Call Vote

	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Garner	**x**		
Greuel		**x**	
Neumann	**x**		
O'Neill	**x**		
Pensinger	**x**		
Riggins	**x**		

Executive Session- Not Held During this meeting

Roundtable Discussion

- Dan O'Neill- Thank you everyone for all of the work that is being done.
- Ryan- Quote machine—if you want to go fast go alone, and if you want to go far, go together.
- Next Board meeting is noted for October 19, 2026.

At 6:29p.m., with no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Dave Garner and seconded by Jere Greuel to adjourn. Motion carried.

Ryan Riggins
Secretary/Treasurer MDH Board of Directors