



**Board of Trustees Minutes
Special Meeting
October 14, 2026**

The Board of Trustees of Kearney County Health Services met in the Functional Health Room of Kearney County Health Services, 727 East First Street, Minden, Nebraska on Wednesday, October 14, 2026. Notice of the meeting was posted at Kearney County Health Services, Hospital, Minden Medical Clinic, Minden Post Office, Minden First Bank and www.kchs.org under Board of Trustees. A Board Packet with an agenda of the meeting, minutes, and other pertinent information was emailed to each board member prior to the meeting.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Dahlgren called the meeting to order at 12:06 PM and called attention to the Public Meeting Laws that are posted in the meeting room.

Present:

Board Members

AJ Dahlgren, Chairman
Stephen Olson, Secretary
Sam Stadler
Jeff Hanson
Andy Grollmes, *Absent*

KCHS Staff

Luke Poore, CEO
Gavin Blum, CFO
Rebecca Cooke, COO
Kendra Brown, Chief Nursing Officer
Anita Wragge, Director of Marketing
Dr. Douglas Althouse

II. Public Comments
None

III. New Business

1. HFG Architecture – Phase I Discussion

Luke Poore (CEO) and Gavin Blum (CFO) provided Board of Trustees members with an update on Phase I of the HFG Architecture building project. Gavin Blum provided the group with a refresher on the Critical Access Hospital Model and how Medicare Reimbursement works. This included how Medicare helps pay for the hospital, a discussion on how Medicare pays based on last year's ratios and Medicare utilization, how the Critical Access model affects operations, annual final Medicare settlements and departmental reimbursement considerations for acute and swingbed, rural health clinic and general outpatient.

Gavin Blum (CFO) also provided the group with potential project and financing scenarios.

The group then held a discussion on current square footage, new proposed square footage and the differences between the two for each department. The group was provided with and went through each department's current layout and the proposed layout.

Suggestions and ideas from the meeting will be discussed with HFG for a new draft.

End of Executive Session: At 1:59 PM, a motion was made by Stephen Olson to Adjourn.

Voting Aye: Hanson, Olson, Stadler, Dahlgren

Absent and Not Voting: Grollmes

Motion Carried.

I. Other Comments/Communications

The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, October 28, 2026 at Noon in the Functional Health Meeting Room.

II. Adjournment

The meeting Adjourned at 1:59 PM.

AJ Dahlgren, Chairman

Stephen Olson, Secretary