

**Kearney County Health Services  
Governing Board of Trustees  
March 19, 2019**

**MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Governing Board of Kearney County Health Services met in the South Conference Room I of Kearney County Hospital, 727 East First Street, Minden Nebraska, Tuesday, March 19, 2019.

Notice of the meeting was posted at Kearney County Health Services, Hospital, Minden Medical Clinic, Minden Post Office and [www.kchs.org](http://www.kchs.org) under Board of Trustees prior to the meeting. A packet of information on the clinic remodel was sent to each Board Member prior to the meeting.

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chairman Dick McBride called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm and called attention to the public meeting laws which are posted in the meeting room. Present:

**Board Members**

Clark Abrahamson  
Jeff Hanson  
Dick McBride-Chairman  
Stephen Olson  
Sam Stadler

**KCHS Staff**

Luke Poore, CEO  
Kayla Rhynalds, CFO  
Kendra Brown, RN, MSN, Acute Care DON  
Rebecca Cooke, Human Resources Director  
Connie Jorgensen, LPN, Adm. Assistant  
Janell Shelton, RHC Director  
Mary Bunger, RN, BSN Care Coordinator  
Sue Driver, MT, Laboratory Director

**Others**

Kelley Ayres, First Bank (12:10 pm)  
Robert Junk, AIA

**County Board of Supervisors**

Dick Schwenka

Introductions were made to Robert Junk, AIA, President of RAD, Radiology Planning. The purpose of them meeting was to review floor plans for the clinic remodel. Issues discussed included:

- Reception area to ensure HIPAA privacy
- Patient/Staff flow
- All new case work in each exam room to make rooms more efficient and ADA compatible.
- New CT room
- HVAC systems
- Restrooms
- Treatment rooms -2 instead of 1
- Lighting efficiency
- Lab/Rad waiting area
- North entrance would be staff entrance only with code key and opaque windows
- Difficulty with the old hospital walls and structure
- Ceiling structure

In review the plan would allow 1 more treatment room, 5 more exam rooms and 1 new office. Statistical comparisons for clinic visits in 2002 showed a 37% increase in clinic visits in 2018-2019 (8 months data). The clinic was built in 2003 bringing it from downtown to adjoin the hospital. At that time there were 3 physicians -1 part time and 3 APRNS-1 part time. Now we will have 4 full time physicians, 4 APRN's -1 part time; and 1 full time PA.

Mr. Junk believed it would take 90-100 days to complete the fine tuning of the floor plans utilizing a "Clinic Remodel Committee". Then it would take 8-12 weeks for the bidding process for Lydel Construction to confirm contracted services therefore planning construction to start in the fall. Mr. Junk felt the budget of 1.4-1.5 million was very doable and realistic. He felt fall was the best time of the year to start as school projects usually start in the spring so more subcontractors would be available. The project would take ~ 2 years to be completely finished. The fees for Mr. Junk's firm would be ~\$200,000.

Dick Schwenka, County Board of Supervisors, questioned if the Board planned on asking for more tax money from Kearney County. Luke assured him we will not be asking for a bond for this project and felt the tax reimbursement would not increase and hopefully could be decreased in future years as new services are offered. Kelley Ayres added that First

Bank is willing to help fund the project after close examination of regulations and legal issues i.e. County Statutes with his loan committee. The loan committee meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.

In review the plan would provide 2 treatment rooms instead of one, 13 exam rooms compared to 8 and 10 total offices from 7.

A motion was made by Steve Olson to move forward with the clinic remodel. The motion was seconded. Voting aye: Abrahamson, Stadler, McBride, Olson and Hanson. Motion carried.

At 1:25 a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded. Voting aye: McBride, Olson, Hanson, Abrahamson and Stadler. Motion carried.

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Chairman

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Secretary