

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2026 | 6:30-8:00 PM | Conf C

Meeting Purpose: Overall JCHC Update

Leader: Merlin Miller

Facilitator: Bryan Hunger

Recorder: Nanette Everly

The Regular Meeting and County Budget Hearing of the JCHC Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:30 PM by Merlin Miller, Chair.

Connect to Purpose – Bryan read an ER patient comment that received wonderful care. Thanked the board for all they do and for obtaining the 3-star IHA Board Certification again.

Mr. Miller asked for approval of the consent agenda and minutes from 2/2/26. Mrs. Greeson moved to approve the agenda & minutes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Miller opened the floor for public comment. There was no one in attendance.

Mr. Miller asked for the Medical Staff report. Dr. Curtis, Chief of Staff for 2026, reported on applications from Heather Easton, ARNP, AHP (JCHC Ottumwa Clinic); Brianne Bowling, ARNP, AHP (Dermatology); and Zachary Fuller, DO, Courtesy-ER. A modification of privileges was explained for Daniel Olney, MD, to update his privileges as an employed physician providing more services including inpatients. Mrs. Parker moved to approve the medical staff report. **Motion carried unanimously.** FYI Resignations - Nicholas Stabo, MD, Consulting (Radiology), and Valerie McKinley, CRNA, AHP (BAG).

Brent explained the January 2026 and FY26 statistics and financials. There was a net income of \$3,225,840 for the month and \$2,242,729 for FY26. Debt Service Coverage is 2.942 and Days Cash on Hand is at 115.8. Showed slides of net operating performance including income statement and balance sheets. We did receive one DPP deposit in January. Hometown Health has completed a revenue cycle review for us and found several ideas that we are working on. Have received notice that the IPERS adjustment this year will be \$2M in our favor. We will have a new firm completing our Cost Report now – CAL out of Minnesota. Denman will continue to be our auditing firm.

FY27 County Budget presented with no changes from last month's meeting - Total taxes levied would be \$961,072. This leaves the levy amount basically the same at 0.85244/\$1,000, (rate last year was 0.89858) even though the county valuation increased. We will reduce the FICA and IPERS rates to offset the increase to keep the levy the same as FY26. Mr. Hanshaw moved to approve the FY27 county budget as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Bryan gave JCHC Updates:

- 2026-2028 Strategic Plan update – Bryan thanked the board for taking the time to attend. Reviewed the information we received and thoughts we came away with including themes, barriers, and take-aways. Our focus will continue to be Employee Experience and Patient Experience. Next month we will review the FY goals and have the strategic plan for board approval.
- MyChart Expansion – Tim explained the project is getting close to completion in April. It will provide automated registration so patients don't have to register more than one time per day when going to different departments.
- Master Facility Plan update – INVISION Architecture of Des Moines has been here and met with all the managers & a couple providers. Talked with them today to review their summary and help them prioritize areas. They will be at the May board meeting to give the board their proposal.

- Retail Pharmacy name – Asked for ideas from staff and received several. A firm was hired to help with branding, final logo, and integrate into our JCHC brand standards. The name will be – The Nook Pharmacy.
- Provider Recruitment – After several interviews with physicians and ARNP's, we have had offers accepted and extended offers to others.
- JCHC Clinic – Ottumwa - Curtis gave an update including pictures. 6 weeks to opening. In the final phases of Medicare approval. Amy is working on the communication plan and Brent the budget. We will hire 2 couriers – one to work in the morning and one in the afternoon, and include Richland, to make sure we have coverage if one is off.

Mr. Miller Chair report – Joneane and Joe gave a Foundation update. We will have a larger grant distribution this year from our investments. Our finances have topped \$1M. The Divot Classic is scheduled for Friday, May 29.

Mrs. Atwood moved to adjourn the regular meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Joneane Parker
Secretary/Treasurer

Meeting Participants:

Members present were Merlin Miller, Greg Hanshaw, Joneane Parker, Angie Atwood, Julie Greeson, Joe Stever and Alex Roth. Also present were Bryan Hunger, Brent Feickert, Curtis Smith, Jacque Bookin-Nosbisch, Tim Belec, Dr. Marovets, Nanette Everly, and Dr. Curtis.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, April 6, 2026 | Conf C | **Meal 5:45 PM | Education 6 PM | Meeting 6:30 PM**