**Morton County Health System**
**Board of Trustees Meeting**
**Minutes of December 23, 2025**

1. **Call to Order:** Troy Barnett, Chairman of the board, called the meeting to order at 12:01 pm.

   **Attendees:**
   Richard Adams, CEO
   Troy Barnett, Board Chairman
   Karen Gates, Board Vice Chairman
   Ron Rich, Board Treasurer
   Ronn Martin, Board Secretary

2. **Approve Agenda:** Troy asked for motion to approve the agenda for the meeting. Karen made a motion to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Ron R., motion carried.

3. **Approval of Minutes:** Board members read the October 28, 2025, regular meeting minutes. Troy asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written. Karen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ron R., motion carried.

4. **CEO Report Richard:**
   - Currently 5 total patients on the floor – 3 swing bed, 1 inpatient, 1 observation
   - 2026 Budget
     - Trimmed $2.2 million year over year vs. 2025 (contract renegotiations, other optimizations)
       - New swing bed and inpatient rates in effect
       - Modest ER increase assumed
     - Braden preparing additional detail for review
     - All departments notified of their 2026 funding targets
   - 340b program should return to operation 1/1/2026
   - ER set an all-time utilization/revenue record on December 8th. Only one transfer was required.
   - New ultrasound for the ER to replace the unit expiring this month has been leased

5. **Old Business:**
   - None

6. **Public Comments:**
   - None

7. **New Business:**
   - None

8. **Executive Session:** Troy asked for a motion to enter executive session at 12:15 with the board and Richard for 15 minutes. Ronn M. made a motion to enter executive session, seconded by Ron R., motion passed. Executive session ended at 12:31 pm. No action was taken.

9. **Adjournment:** Troy asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ron R. made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Karen, motion carried.

**Ronn Martin, Secretary**

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**Date**