

Sierra Vista Hospital
Regular Joint Powers Commission Minutes
March 26, 2026 @ 2:00pm

1. The Joint Powers Commission of Sierra Vista Hospital held their regular meeting on March 26, 2026 at 2:00. Jim Paxon, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 2:00.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance** Jim Paxon, Chairperson

3. **Roll Call** Jennifer Burns, Recorder

Joint Powers Commission

Attendees: City of T or C

Rolf Hechler, Member, Present
Ingo Hoepfner, Member, Absent
Gary Whitehead, City Manager, Ex-O, A

Village of Williamsburg

Deb Stubblefield, Member, Present
Amanda Cardona, VCW, Ex-O, A

Sierra County

Jim Paxon, **Chairperson**, Present
Sandy Jones, Member, Absent
Amber Vaughn, County Manager, Ex-O, A

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Shauna Cameron, CEO, Present by phone
Ming Huang, CFO, Present
Serina Bartoo, GB Chair, Present

There is a quorum of voting members.

AGENDA ITEMS	PRESENTER	ACTION REQUIRED
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4. Approval of Agenda	Jim Paxon, Chairperson	
<u>Deb Stubblefield motioned to approve the agenda. Rolf Hechler seconded. Motion carried unanimously.</u>		

5. Approval of Minutes	Jim Paxon, Chairperson	
A. January 23, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes-		
Rolf Hechler stated that he made an error in the motion to approve resolution 2026-01 by stating "I think I'll strike the acquisition of real property – we already own it." In fact, the resolution was for authorizing the execution of closing documents to purchase the property. These minutes will be attached to the original minutes for record and his comment to strike will be stricken.		
<u>Rolf Hechler motioned to approve the January 23, 2026 special meeting minutes with this change. Deb Stubblefield seconded. Motion carried unanimously.</u>		
B. December 3, 2025 Regular/ Annual Minutes		

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Deb Stubblefield motioned to approve the December 3, 2025 regular/ annual meeting minutes. Rolf Hechler seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Public Comment – None

7. Old Business Jim Paxon, Chairperson

A. Public Record Act and Resolution 25-107

Deb Stubblefield motioned to approve Public Record Act, Resolution 25-107. Rolf Hechler seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Policy 6, item D update

Rolf Hechler motioned to approve Policy 6. Deb Stubblefield seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

8. New Business Jim Paxon, Chairperson

A. October - February Finance Report - Ming Huang, CFO, directed the JPC to page 19. Total operating revenue in October was \$2,955,827. Total expenses were \$2,944,453. October was a break-even month. EBITDA was \$11,374. Repairs and Maintenance were higher in October due to our fire alarm inspection. Total operating revenue in November was \$3,437,205 and expenses were \$2,475,680. Benefit expenses were lower in November thanks to a refund from unemployment for \$62,000 and \$32,000 for workers' comp dividend. EBITDA for November was \$961,526 which is a 28% margin. Total operating revenue for December was \$3,864,265 and total operating expenses were \$2,691,308. EBITDA was \$1,172,957 which is a 30% margin. Total operating revenue in January was \$3,214,287. Total operating expenses were \$2,880,621. Salary expenses were higher because we paid the providers their quarterly performance incentive. Professional fees were higher because an ESS provider is covering our walk-in for the clinic. EBITDA was \$333,666 in January which is a 10% margin. In February, total operating revenue was \$4,310,637. Total operating expenses were \$2,406,626. EBITDA was \$1,904,011 which is a 44% margin. In February we recorded a \$213,000 Medicare receivable (money owed to us from Medicare).

Year to date, EBITDA is \$7,377,890 which is a 25% margin. Most of the earnings do come from HDAA funds. At the end of February, we had \$16,963,492 in the bank. \$15,588,467 of that is in our investment accounts. \$2,103,359 is in cash and cash alternatives which is always available to us. The fixed income amount is dependent on the maturity date.

Deb Stubblefield motioned to approve the October through February financial report. Rolf Hechler seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

B. FY26 Budget Revision - Ming Huang, CFO. The original budget for FY26 gross patient revenue was \$69,713,891. Gross patient revenue is trending down. We are requesting a decrease of \$2,000,000 in net patient revenue. We have lower contract services so we will decrease by \$1,000,000 in operating expenses. This will result in a decrease in EBITDA of \$1,000,000. These revisions are a result of our actual numbers year to date. This revision was approved by the Governing Board at their January meeting.

Deb Stubblefield motioned to approve the FY26 Budget Revision. Rolf Hechler seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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C. CEO Report - Shauna Cameron, CEO. We are moving forward with the ambulance building. The architect is working on getting bids and pricing on the build-out. We have plans and it should take about 18 months total. We have a three-year grant from the rural health delivery fund to create a mobile crisis response team with our ambulances for behavioral health. We will have an LCSW or an LMSW working with us when we go out on behavioral health calls. We are working with the four counties that make up region seven on the SB3 grant money. There is \$7 million available for the four counties to improve behavioral health services in our counties.

D. Governing Board Report - Serina Bartoo, Chair, reported that the Governing Board met on March 24. The Governing Board received the gold status for 2025, which is the highest standard you can achieve from Ovation. All board members completed the training required, including Cookie Johnson who was ill through part of the year. The board will do strategic planning on May 20th. KUDOS to our EMS for volunteering their time at the kid's gymkhana. Denim and Diamonds is on April 18th this year. The Governing Board did vote on the Elephant Butte payment plan; it was a four to one vote in favor of the plan.

E. Elephant Butte Payment Plan - Jim Paxon, Chair, offered to respond or suggested that Shauna respond. The email is addressed to Jim. Deb Stubblefield asked if this is something that falls under the JPC? It's mainly Governing Board. Jim stated that it's the hospital that runs the finances. Ming had provided a breakdown of the payments going back to the beginning of the loan. Jim spent a lot of time with Richard, and the board of Elephant Butte approved this repayment plan.

The City of Elephant Butte is going to pay monthly payments of \$5,191.54 and their monthly GRT payments beginning in April and they will make balloon payments. This plan should have the full amount paid off in 18 months.

Deb Stubblefield asked about the intercept agreements. NMFA stated that each entity is responsible for putting the intercept into place. The Village of Williamsburg intends to put the intercept in place. This will be easier than the current process and ensures that the correct amount is paid and that it is done every month. Deb feels that Elephant Butte should be required to put into place their intercept agreement.

Dave Pato and Jim Paxon talked with the NMFA as well. They indicated that the entity has to file a request for intercept. The NMFA will not force it on any of the entities. Mayor Holcomb wants the intercept so that this does not happen in the future. It will take 18 months to pay this off until they can request an intercept. NMFA is aware of Elephant Butte's short fall in payments.

Jim has had conversation with the Governing Board Chair, and he thinks that this is the best that we can do. We want to avoid any litigation or anything that would damage the hospital and separate the entities. In the third amendment to the JPA it says that Elephant Butte will redeem their financial

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responsibility to the loan. This is the most appropriate, fastest and best way for Elephant Butte to pay it off.

Serina Bartoo stated that the quarterly financial reports will not show what they are wanting. Ming will provide them what he has. Ming keeps a spreadsheet monthly showing how much came from each entity. The financial statements lump the payments into one total. Ming will provide this report to all four entities quarterly.

Rolf Hechler stated that he has had several meetings with Richard and he wants to do what's right. This is a good faith effort on his part. I would like to honor this as far as possible and if there are any issues with it, we should push for that intercept.

Ultimately, it was decided that Shauna Cameron would write the letter.

Deb Stubblefield motioned to approve the proposed settlement of the outstanding debt from Elephant Butte and quarterly reports will be provided to all four entities. Rolf Hechler seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Other

Next meeting – June 18, 2026 at 2:00

10. Adjournment

Deb Stubblefield motioned to adjourn.

JB _____
Jennifer Burns, Recording Secretary

JP 6/18/26 _____
Jim Paxon, JPC Chairperson