



Board Meeting Agenda

Special Board Meeting – Board Education Session

Wednesday, October 21, 2026, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

In Person	Pioneer Memorial Clinic – Conference Room 130 Thompson St, Heppner, OR 97836
Zoom Link	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5835486997?omn=86148221186 Meeting ID: 583 548 6997

- 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Public Comment (Maximum of 3 minutes per person. Maximum of 30 minutes for comments)**
- 3. Board Education Session – 9:00 – 11:15 am**
 - Health Needs Assessment, Community Benefit and Strategic Planning – Natalia Wight, Shiloh Erven & Rick Worden
 - Revenue Cycle and Healthcare Finance 101 – Staci Hedman & Rick Worden
 - Special Districts and Public Meetings Law 101: SDAO Video Presentation – Julie Baker
- 4. Break – 11:15 – 11:30 am**
- 5. Executive Session – 11:30 am – 12:30 pm. Members of the news media may attend executive sessions, with limited exceptions. News media are instructed not to report about what happened in executive sessions.**
 - Discussion of pending litigation or litigation likely to be filed, to be held under ORS 192.660(2)(h)
- 6. Return to Open Session**
- 7. New Business – 12:30 – 1:00 pm**
 - District Employee Benefits Renewal: Request for Approval – Lindsey McKnight & Shiloh Erven
 - CT and Lab Analyzer Approval Process – Shiloh Erven
- 8. Adjourn**
- 9. Next meeting to be held on October 26, 2026 @ Morrow County Grain Growers – Conference Room, 350 Main Street, Lexington, OR 97839**

Promise of Excellence

Compassion: Being motivated with a desire to assist patients and staff with empathy and kindness and committed to going the extra mile to ensure patients and staff feel comfortable and welcomed.

Respect: Recognizing and valuing the dignity and uniqueness of everyone. Respect creates a work environment based on teamwork, encouragement, trust, concern, honesty, and responsive communication among all employees and our patients.

Integrity: Encompassing honesty and consistently adhering to the principles of professionalism and accountability with our patients, fellow employees, and community partners. Integrity is at the heart of everything we do.

Excellence: Creating standards of performance that surpass ordinary expectations. We want to make this the place where patients want to come, our providers want to practice, and people want to work!

Request to Purchase Aquilion Serve CT Scanner with CPF/CDS Award

Pioneer Memorial Hospital Diagnostic Imaging is seeking Board approval to purchase an Aquilion Serve CT scanner with funds awarded by the Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending (CPF/CDS) from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). Multiple vendor proposals were reviewed and evaluated following organizational purchasing requirements as well as grant expectations. The purchased Aquilion Serve scanner will replace the Aquilion 64 scanner currently in use. The current CT scanner is a refurbished model that was installed at PMH in September 2025 to ensure continued service after the previous scanner was end-of-life while the department awaited this award to purchase a new scanner. The total purchase quoted price of \$568,548 has been 100% awarded through this funding.

Total awarded amount of \$652,000 also covers the replacement of the current aging scanner room floor, replacement of needed scanning supplies and accessories, as well as training for CT technologists on the new equipment. Funding for the use of an onsite mobile CT trailer is also included; this will allow continued standard operations for outpatients, inpatients and the emergency room during the project timeline.

HRSA approval for the project has been received, with awarded funds have been allocated. Board authorization to move forward with the purchase of the scanner is being requested now due to the six to eight-month lead time for scanner delivery and installation. This will allow time for the project to be completed by the date put in place by the funding requirements.

The purchase of the new scanner will allow us to offer high quality diagnostic imaging services to our community. This state-of-the-art scanner will give us the ability to offer new exams, such as coronary artery calcium scoring, along with faster scanning and processing times during critical moments for trauma and stroke patients. Reduced scan times also lower the need for repeat exams where movement causes distortion, which can happen with children and patients with tremors or seizures. With funding for this project secured, the plan will be completed with minimal impact on the operating budget.

Pioneer Memorial Hospital Diagnostic Imaging recommends the Board approve the purchase and installation of the Aquilion Serve scanner and related project work, including floor replacement, purchase of supplies, accessories and mobile CT trailer coverage, with awarded CPF/CDS funding. This investment will position our Diagnostic Imaging department at the forefront of modern imaging capabilities and ensure continued high-quality care for patients throughout Morrow and surrounding counties.

Requested Board Action: Authorize administration to proceed with purchase and installation of the Aquilion Serve CT scanner and related project work, including floor replacement, purchase of supplies, accessories and mobile CT trailer coverage, using CPF/CDS Award funding.

Request to Purchase Beckman Chemistry Analyzers Through RHTP Funding

Pioneer Memorial Hospital Laboratory seeks Board approval to purchase a Beckman Coulter DxC 500 AU Chemistry Analyzer and Access 2 Immunoassay Analyzer utilizing awarded Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) funding. Consistent with organizational purchasing requirements and grant expectations, multiple vendor proposals were reviewed and evaluated. The proposed purchase will replace the laboratory's current Roche c311 chemistry analyzer and Roche e411 immunoassay analyzer, both of which were purchased in March 2014 and have reached a critical stage in their lifecycle. The combined purchase price is \$125,175 and will be 100% funded through the RHTP award; this amount has been approved by the Oregon Health Authority.

We have additionally budgeted RHTP funding for the start-up supplies and service of these analyzers after the initial installation. This will ensure timely activation, safe operation, and uninterrupted diagnostic services while we transition to the new systems. These costs largely include consumables for the operation and validation of the new equipment, and we have approved RHTP funding for this in the amount of \$158,864.

RHTP project approval has been received, and final grant contracting is currently in process. Given the anticipated 90-120 day lead time for analyzer delivery and implementation, Board authorization is requested now to position the laboratory to move forward immediately. This will minimize the risk of delays associated with our aging instrumentation. The lab's chemistry analyzers provide 24/7 testing services supporting inpatient, outpatient and the emergency department operations. This testing plays a critical role in the diagnosis and treatment of our patients. The current Roche analyzers are no longer available for service contracts, requiring maintenance and repair calls to be handled on an as needed basis. This increases the risk of prolonged downtime, delays in patient care, and may result in unpredictable maintenance costs.

Replacement of these end-of-life analyzers is necessary to ensure continued access to reliable diagnostic laboratory services. Benefits include reduced risk of service interruptions, availability of manufacturer support and service contracts, improved workflow and operational reliability, and protection against increasing maintenance costs associated with unsupported equipment. Because the purchase is funded through RHTP, the project can be completed with minimal impact to local operating funds.

Pioneer Memorial Hospital Laboratory recommends that the Board approve the purchase and implementation of the Beckman Coulter DxC 500 AU Chemistry Analyzer and Access 2 Immunoassay Analyzer utilizing awarded RHTP funding. This investment will modernize laboratory operations, reduce operational risk, improve reliability of diagnostic testing, and ensure continued access to high-quality laboratory services for patients throughout Morrow County.

Requested Board Action: Authorize administration to proceed with procurement and implementation of the Beckman Coulter analyzers using RHTP funding.