

MINUTES
PLATTE COUNTY BOARD OF SERVICES
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Members Present in Person: Dr. Michael Shafe, Sandra Thomas, Dr. Jeffrey Kingsley

Members Present Online: Stuart Anderson

Staff Present: Drew Ehrlich, Martha Jaynes, Tim Coleman

Visitors: Jeff Janney, Cindy Brady – Northland Connections

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by Sandra Thomas

CFO Report

Drew Ehrlich reported \$10.6M in cash, representing 9.3 months of operating reserves, with minimal liabilities and no long-term debt. Although reserve months are the lowest since 2017, PCBS has grown significantly, with reserves increasing from \$5.3M (2017) to \$10.6M currently, and the operating budget expanding from \$7.5M to a projected \$13.5M in 2026.

February revenues were ~\$205K favorable, largely from increased waiver service billing. A potential NetSuite revenue mapping issue will be monitored. Higher training and travel expenses reflect conference registrations and legislative advocacy activities.

A Disability Awareness Month community event, Share Your Story, will replace the billboard campaign. Rebekah Taussig will be the keynote speaker at cost of \$6K, partially offset through sponsorships from CHS, UMKC, and Whole Person.

Additional Financial Updates

PCBS is transitioning retirement plan services to Opus Group/Lincoln Financial, expected to reduce employee retirement plan fees by ~50%. There will be a blackout period 3/24-4/27 where employees cannot view balances and no transactions will be made.

Miller Group is serving as the new commercial insurance broker and is soliciting bids from multiple carriers, including two potential competitive bids. These are expected Friday 3/13. Discussion included possibility of separating coverage categories depending on available bids.

PCBS has received formal approval from the Social Security Administration that we were accepted as Representative Payee for two new consumers, with one pending (potential total of 21).

A motion was made by Dr. Kingsley and seconded by Dr. Shafe to recommend approval to the full board. Motion approved unanimously.

Funding Request – Northland Connections NDC

Northland Connections NDC requested \$10,650 in funding to support relocation to a larger space at Zona Rosa. The proposed location is 500 square feet larger and located across the street from the current space. Improvements required before occupancy include:

- Adding a bathroom access door from the main area
- Removing interior half wall from the former bank layout
- Removing a server closet to expand office space
- Minor improvements including locks, plumbing repair, and carpet cleaning.

Program participation has grown significantly. The expanded space is expected to significantly increase service capacity, potentially doubling participation from Platte County residents. Northland Connections reports that 40-60% of its operating funding currently comes from Platte County, supplemented by private pay services and fundraising.

A motion was made by Dr. Kingsley and seconded by Dr. Shafe to recommend approval to the full board. Motion approved unanimously.

Fire Marshal Inspections

Martha Jaynes reported a recent State Fire Marshal inspection identified 108 findings across PCBS group homes. Historical documentation from a 2011 moratorium related to similar inspection findings has been submitted to the state for review. A meeting with DMH, the Office of Licensure and Certification, and the State Fire Marshal is scheduled to determine which items must be remediated and which may be exempt or grandfathered.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Dr. Shafe and seconded by Dr. Kingsley to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:58pm.

Minutes taken by:

Tim Coleman

PCBS Executive Support Assistant