



## Frequently Asked Questions

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**Q: What does “Critical Access” mean?**

A: A Critical Access Hospital (CAH) is a hospital certified to receive cost-based reimbursement from Medicare. Girard Medical Center became licensed as a Critical Access Hospital in 2005. The reimbursement that CAHs receive was an improvement over the previous system and is intended to cover the expense of providing healthcare to Medicare recipients in a rural or underserved area.

**Q: Who are your Board of Trustees and what do they do?**

A: The volunteer Board consists of five elected people—The current members are Chairman: Glen Mathis, Vice-Chairman: Robert Tersinar, Treasurer: Nancy George, Secretary: Mary Jane Dent, Member: Mike Bodensteiner. The Board does not involve itself in the day to day operation of the hospital, but makes and adopts bylaws, rules and regulations for the management and control of the hospital as it deems necessary. Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Developing a strategy to provide the physical resources and personnel to deliver patient care.
- Plan to define and help meet the health needs of the community,
- Formulate short-term and long-term plans for the development of the hospital.
- Review the annual audit of the financial operations of the hospital.
- Appoint, remove, and set compensation of CEO.

**Q. Can I run for the Board of Trustees?**

A. To serve as a trustee, you need to be a qualified voter and resident of the Hospital District. Anyone wishing to run for the Board is encouraged to first attend one the hospital’s regularly scheduled open meetings which are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm.

**Q. How come the Annual Meeting isn’t like it used to be? When did it change?**

A. The Annual Meeting used to be held on the first Friday in May at 7:30 pm. One of the main purposes of these meetings was the voting for board members. In order to improve voter turn out and make it more convenient for you to vote, a resolution was passed by the Board of Trustees on April 29, 2010 to change the method of selecting Board of Trustee members. This change standardized and modernized the voting process and made it consistent with the voting of school board members and city officials. Voters approved the change at the May 7, 2010 annual meeting. Since the voting was changed to take place at the county elections, and since the 7:30 pm Friday evening annual meeting was never well attended, the date of the annual meeting changed to the 4th Tuesday of April at 5:30 pm (before the regularly scheduled monthly board meeting). Everyone is welcome to attend the annual meetings!

**Q. Why didn’t I get to vote this year?**

A. None of our board members were up for re-election this year. Board member terms are 4 years and elections will be every other year to coincide with county elections. Voters will be able to cast their ballots for GMC board members during the odd numbered years: 2013, 2015, 2017, etc.

**Q. How much of my tax money went toward building the new hospital?**

A. None! The hospital was paid for entirely with bonds. The current mill levy provides a nominal amount of funding which is set aside to spend on capital equipment purchases. In 2011 we collected \$78,660 in tax revenues. This amount is one of the lowest in Kansas—on average district hospitals receive approximately \$250,000 in tax revenues! (See information on reverse side.)

2011 Hospital District Levies  
For 2012 Calendar Year

<u>County</u>	<u>Hospital District</u>	<u>Mills</u>	<u>Valuation</u>	<u>Tax Dollars</u>
Barber	Kiowa District Hospital	13.177	65,989,075	869,522
Barton	Ellinwood Hospital District	22.523	31,045,451	699,250
Bourbon	Hospital District 1	4.000	968,184	3,873
Clark	Hospital District 1 - Bucklin	11.878	4,038,508	47,956
	Hospital District 2 - Minneola	59.519	10,340,246	615,437
	Hospital District 3 - Ashland	32.612	30,664,220	999,995
Crawford	Hospital District 1	1.659	40,141,210	66,579
Dickinson	Hospital District 1	2.001	122,952,980	246,039
Ford	Hospital District 1 - Bucklin	11.878	20,344,358	241,650
	Hospital District 2 - Minneola	59.519	10,893,041	648,337
	Spearville Hospital	5.276	25,880,850	136,440
Gray	Hospital District	3.499	15,721,364	55,012
Harper	Hospital District 1 - Attica	10.324	30,267,595	312,468
	Hospital District 5 - Harper	23.527	19,479,830	458,819
	Hospital District 6 - Anthony	23.619	22,233,464	525,134
Haskell	Satanta Hospital	18.448	150,825,778	2,782,362
Jackson	Onaga Hospital 1	6.107	4,185,082	25,558
Kingman	Hospital District 5 - Harper	22.867	3,730,635	85,407
	Norwich Hospital	0.000		
Kiowa	Hospital	11.255	88,850,920	999,978
Linn	Hospital District 1	4.000	6,236,818	25,239
Marion	Hospital District 1	11.968	55,059,765	658,960
Meade	Meade Hospital	10.611	89,949,785	954,444
	Fowler Hospital	22.523	13,690,200	308,342
Nemaha	Community Hospital District 1	6.107	1,438,564	8,785
Ness	Hospital District 1	22.062	36,168,570	797,966
	Hospital District 2	23.276	50,450,562	1,174,304
Pottawatomie	Community Hospital Joint 1	6.107	198,621,817	1,212,993
Rawlins	Hospital	13.000	30,610,149	397,932
Rice	Hospital District 1	13.140	58,276,565	765,722
	Hospital District 2	23.275	17,164,190	399,484
Stafford	SFCO Hospital District	5.485	83,430,463	457,616
	St. John Hospital District	0.000		
Sumner	Sumner County Hospital District 1	18.754	17,218,170	322,911
	Chikaskia Health Care	1.626	9,119,195	16,648
Washington	Hospital District 1	3.712	10,775,684	39,604