

HUNT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
August 23, 2022

The Hunt Memorial Hospital District Board of Directors conducted a meeting on Tuesday, August 23, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at Hunt Regional Medical Center, sixth floor Homer Horton, Jr. Boardroom, 4215 Joe Ramsey Blvd., E., Greenville, Texas.

Dr. Pierce, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Deborah Clack
Mr. Jefferson Helton (Absent)
Mrs. Leslie Killgore
Mr. John C. Nelson, Jr.
Mrs. Janet Peek (Absent)
Dr. Scott Pierce
Mr. Michael Taylor
Mrs. Julia Wensel (Absent)

comprising a quorum of the Board; also,

Mr. Steven Lee Boles, Jr., President/CEO
Mr. Stuart O'Neil, General Counsel
Mr. Chad Martin, Vice President Clinic Operations
Mr. John Heatherly, Vice President Operations/Support Services
Mr. Reese Hurley, MSN-Adm., RN, Vice President/CNO
Mr. Travis Potter, Vice President Business Development
Mr. James A. Robertson, Jr., Vice President/CFO
Robert Deuell, M.D., Vice President of Medical Staff Affairs
Mr. Logan Burgess, Robins & Morton
Mr. Ashley Dyer, Robins & Morton
Ms. Tammie Brooks, Decision Support Director
Mr. Jeffrey Constantino, Facilities Management Director
Mr. Pete Harrell, Projects Manager
Ms. Lisa Hill, Marketing/Development & Communications Director
Ms. Brandi Isham, Coordinated Care/Quality/Medical Staff Services Director
Ms. Jamie Morgan, Controller
Ms. Janece Sims, Patient Financial Services Director
Mr. James Evans, Greenville Citizen
Mr. Al Atkins, Greenville Citizen
Mr. Ward Hansen, West Tawakoni Citizen

**Medical Staff
Report**

Dr. Deuell reported efforts continue to be focused on physician recruitment for family medicine for various primary care clinics; a contract has been sent to Dr. Graham; and

HCA is recruiting for an interventional cardiologist for the Cath Lab. He reported Dr. Farr, Orthopedics, who expressed interest for the opportunity here decided to relocate to Idaho where he had family. American Radiology Associates will begin providing nighthawk reads on September 15, 2022.

**Approval of
Minutes**

Mrs. Clack moved, seconded by Mrs. Killgore, to approve the July 26, 2022 Compliance Education Program minutes and the Board of Directors meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**Citizens to
Be Heard**

Mr. Hansen requested to speak to someone regarding his billing problems, specifically, his surprise billing. He was here in January and is just now finding out he has a bill in June. He has Medicare and a supplemental policy and never received a bill and he is now receiving a lot of calls from our staff regarding his balance. He has attempted to speak with financial aid staff and did not receive any answers regarding his account.

**Public
Testimony**

Mr. Hansen expressed his appreciation to the Board for approving a tax freeze for over 65 individuals last month but from the presentation he heard, he understands why we are unable to do so. Mr. O'Neil reported a statute would not allow the freeze and the State Comptroller ruled the Hospital District is unable to freeze property taxes. Mr. Hanson requested anything the Board can do to assist the over 65 population with lowering property taxes would be welcomed.

**Unfinished
Business
Over 65
Hospital
District
Property
Tax Freeze**

Mr. O'Neil reported the Hospital District is not authorized provide a tax freeze as approved last month as this is available only to counties, municipalities and junior college districts. Mr. South from the Hunt County Appraisal District has advised the hospital district may approve tax exemptions and has had a \$20,000 exemption in place for at least the past fifteen years. Mr. Taylor advised the exemption must be filed as soon as possible as the tax rolls have already been completed. Mr. Boles reported there are 9,700 properties for over 65 that are eligible to request the exemption. Following an overview of how the exemption is calculated, Mr. Taylor moved, seconded by Mr. Nelson, to look at this each year but to increase exemption on the homestead of over 65 from \$20,000 to \$30,000 for this

coming year. There was discussion on extending the exemption to disabled individuals. Mr. Taylor amended his motion to include disabled and Mr. Nelson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Appointment of
Board Director
For Precinct 2**

Dr. Pierce reported a candidate has been presented to him and he has one other to consider. There may be a candidate presented to the Board next month.

**New Business
Expansion
Report**

Mr. Burgess provided an update on the breakers and electrical components. Breakers and critical power has been installed on 3 and the OR eight panel is in progress of being installed. The certificate of occupancy from the City of Greenville has been received and a State inspection is scheduled for September 12, 2022. The renovation areas are progressing.

**Consent
Agenda**

Mr. Taylor moved, seconded by Mrs. Clack, to approve the following consent agenda items as presented and Recommended.

To approve the recommendations for appointments, requests to change staff status, a request for additional clinical privileges, reappointments and resignations for the Hunt Regional Medical Center Medical Staff and the Allied Health Professional Staff upon recommendation of the Board Credentials Review Committee.

To approve \$42,870.00 for the purchase of a Bioness Integrated Therapy System for Hunt Regional Medical Center Physical Therapy upon recommendation of the Finance/Budget Committee.

To approve \$13,472.00 for the purchase of a Fan Powered Box Replacement for Suite 209 in the Hunt Regional Medical Office Building upon recommendation of the Finance/Budget Committee.

To approve amendments to the Hunt Regional Healthcare Financial Assistance Program upon recommendation of the Finance/Budget Committee.

To approve construction change order #73 CE 169 - LDRP Ceiling Elevations (RFI-202) for \$43,351.00 upon recommendation of the Finance/Budget Committee.

**Action Items
Commerce
Urgent Care
Construction**

Mr. Boles reported the first round of bids on the Urgent Care construction exceeded the budget of \$650,000 and the low bidder is approximately \$750,000. Mr. Martin was negotiating with the low bidder for another quote but that quote has not yet been received. It was noted the higher costs are due to the increase in materials and not because the scope of the project changed. Following discussion, it was the consensus to move forward with the project at \$750,000.

**Financial
Statements**

Mr. Robertson presented the July 2022 financial statements and statistical data. Following the review and update on CHIRP, Mr. Taylor moved, seconded by Mr. Nelson, to accept the July 2022 financial statements as presented, subject to audit. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

**Strategic
Initiatives**

There were no strategic initiatives to consider.

**Chairman's
Report**

Dr. Pierce reported the following:

Several Board members attended the Texas Healthcare Trustees Conference in Fort Worth. The vendor representing "BoardEffect" was at the conference and from the demonstration he believes the Board will transition to this system which will be an easier platform to view packets and information.

Congratulated Mr. Nelson for completing the educational requirements and becoming a Certified Healthcare Trustee through Texas Healthcare Trustees. His certification is for a three year term.

Board orientation is being tentatively rescheduled to Monday, September 26, 2022 beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Requested all members submit their Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form by the end of the month.

Conducting a Board Retreat with Board, Administration, and Medical Staff Leadership the first of November is being considered and members present expressed interest in attending.

**Date for
Tax
Hearing**

It was the consensus of the Board to conduct a tax hearing and set the tax rate on Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 5:30 pm in the sixth floor boardroom. It was noted a quorum of the Board is required for the hearing.

**President/CEO
Report**

Mr. Boles requested Mr. Hurley provide an operations update. Mr. Hurley reported they will set up Incident Command over the next year until the hospital has more available bed space. They are working on short term plans for discharges and admissions and reviewing divert policies including a high census alert that will include the Medical Staff so that once the alert is given, everyone will change their actions for that day. Much progress has been made with staffing over the past four months and work will begin on staffing for the fifth and sixth floor.

Mr. Boles reported the following:

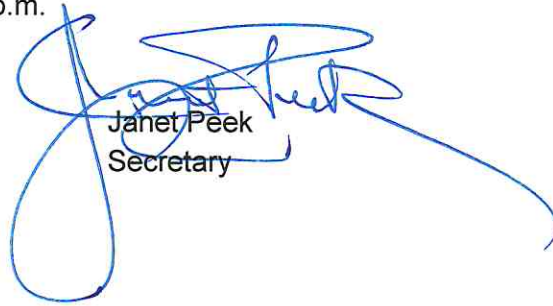
Dr. Sze, Radiologist, will be leaving Hunt Regional on October 28. The swing shift from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. will be covered by Renaissance and American Radiology Associates will provide nighthawk service beginning September 15. Costs will increase during the interim until all providers are credentialed with the insurance companies.

Mr. Potter and Ms. Hill have been interviewing PR firms and one has been selected to meet with the Development and Communications Committee.

He and Mr. Potter visited with the Texas A&M University-Commerce Athletic Director Eric Coleman to discuss their athletic program. The University is in transition and Christus is making a hard push to provide the service for them. They

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting
adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Janet Peek', written over the typed name and title.

Janet Peek
Secretary

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