

HUNT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

July 28, 2020

The Hunt Memorial Hospital District Board of Directors conducted a virtual meeting via "Zoom" on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., sixth floor Homer Horton, Jr. Boardroom at Hunt Regional Medical Center, 4215 Joe Ramsey Blvd., E., Greenville, Texas with the following members:

Mr. Joe C. Johnson, Chairman
Mrs. Sarah Alderman (Zoom)
Dr. James Barr (Zoom)
Mr. John Cecil Nelson, Jr.
Mrs. Janet Peek (Zoom)
Dr. Scott Pierce (Zoom)
Mr. William Rutherford (Zoom)
Mr. Michael Taylor (Zoom)
Mrs. Julia Wensel (Zoom)

comprising a quorum of the Board; also,

Mr. Richard Carter, President/CEO
Ms. Leah Curtis, Hospital Counsel
Mr. Lee Boles, Vice President/CFO
Mr. Reese Hurley, MSN-Adm., RN, Vice President/CNO
Mr. John Heatherly, Vice President Operations/Support Services
James Sandin, M.D., Vice President Medical Staff Affairs
Ms. Emily Sundeen, DNP, FNP-BC, VP Quality & Clinical Integration
Mr. Jeffrey Constantino, Facilities Management Director
Mr. Bret Freeman, RN, BSN, CEN, HEM, Trauma Srv. Manager/EMS Director
Ms. Amber Maynard, BSRC, RRT-NPS, ACCS, RCS, Cardiopulmonary Director
Ms. Katie McKenna, Assistant Director Hunt Regional Healthcare Foundation
Mr. Travis Potter, Director of Service Excellence

Approval of Minutes	Mrs. Alderman moved, seconded by Mrs. Wensel, to approve the June 23, 2020 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.
HRMC Medical Staff Report	There was no medical staff report.
Citizens To Be Heard	There were no citizens to be heard.
Unfinished Business	There was no action taken.

New Business Mr. Rutherford moved, seconded by Mrs. Alderman, to approve the following consent agenda items as recommended. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda To approve the recommendations for appointments, requests to change staff status, reappointments and resignations for the Hunt Regional Medical Center Medical Staff and the Allied Health Professional Staff upon recommendation of the Credentials Review.

To approve the purchase of two Speed Queen Commercial Grade Hardmount Washer-Extractors for \$15,016.58 for the Hunt Regional Medical Center laundry room upon recommendation of the Facilities Planning Committee and the Finance/Budget Committee.

To approve restoration to the second floor southwest roof at Hunt Regional Medical Center for \$239,715 upon recommendation of the Facilities Planning Committee and the Finance/Budget Committee.

To upgrade the Hunt Regional Medical Center eighth floor pneumatic controls and hot water valves with Direct Digital Controls for \$80,695 upon recommendation of the Facilities Planning Committee and the Finance/Budget Committee

To purchase a PCA Analyzer for \$49,500 for the Hunt Regional Medical Center Laboratory upon recommendation of the Facilities Planning Committee and the Finance/Budget Committee.

To approve the Dell server hardware buy-out for \$26,731.72 for the Hunt Regional Medical Center Information Systems Department upon recommendation of the Facilities Planning Committee and the Finance/Budget Committee.

To approve the change order for \$34,354 on the MRI project upon recommendation of the Facilities Planning Committee and the Finance/Budget Committee.

To approve the following resale of Hunt County properties upon recommendation of the Finance/Budget Committee and approval by all taxing entities:

R76664 107 Ellis Circle, Greenville, TX , \$6,440.00

R90392 2215 Anderson St., Greenville, TX, \$4,300.00

R90737 2922 Speedway St., Greenville, TX, \$9,940.00

R115472 FM 118, Commerce, TX, \$2,600.00

To conduct a budget workshop for the Board of Directors on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. in the sixth floor boardroom.

**Hunt County
EMS First
Responder
Request**

Mr. Carter presented a request from Ryan Biggers, President of the Hunt County Fire Firefighters Association, for the Hunt Memorial Hospital District Board to consider a 15% funding increase to the subsidy provided by the Hospital District to the fourteen Hunt County First Responder Departments. He noted the annual subsidy in total for the First Responders is approximately \$187,000 and the 15% increase approximates to \$28,300. Following review, it was noted it is not believed the First Responders have received any funding for COVID through the CARES Act. Mr. Rutherford moved, seconded by Mrs. Wensel, to approve the 15% subsidy increase as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**EMS
Ground
Transportation**

Mr. Heatherly introduced Bret Freeman as our Safety, Trauma, and EMS Director. Mr. Freeman is responsible for the contract oversight of both the EMS Ambulance service with AMR, and the Fourteen First Responder organizations. Mr. Freeman reported the original contract with AMR began in 2014 for five years with five one-year extensions. The first one-year extension began August 1, 2019 and the second one-year extension will begin August 1, 2020. He reported the extensions have a 3.5% increase included based off metrics that are regularly monitored: request for service transports; average response times, and audited and unaudited fractile response. The annual subsidy is \$399,589 and the 3.5% increase is \$14,000. The ambulance does cover the city limits of Commerce, Greenville and Quinlan and all of Hunt County and meets the time response 95% of the time. For 2019, they had responded to 14,736 calls. AMR and Air Evac have merged and are with Global Medical Response. The interim Operations Manager is Joe Fowler, replacing Mike Shaw who left AMR. Following the presentation, Mr. Taylor moved, seconded by Mrs. Peek, to renew the EMS Ground Transportation contract as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**BellaVista
Ventilators**

Mr. Boles reported last month the Board approved one of a two phase replacement program for our in-house ventilators. Six BellaVista ventilators were purchased and Ms. Maynard expressed concern during last month's presentation that the remaining ventilators would not be replaced until next year and it was discussed that the equipment purchase should be considered sooner. Ms. Maynard reported there are currently seven ICU ventilators we own that are operational, three have gone down in the last year and when COVID began in March, the hospital rented six ventilators at \$6,150 a month. The purchase of six additional BellaVista ventilators for \$231,219.60 will allow the release of the rentals and allow the staff to utilize the equipment as a ventilator, bipap, or a heated high flow cannula with a decrease in supply utilization. Following review and discussion, Mrs. Alderman moved, seconded by Mr. Rutherford, to approve the purchase of the ventilators as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**2020-2021
Strategic
Goals**

The agenda item, "Consider 2020-2021 Strategic Goals and take all necessary action" may be considered following the Executive Session.

**Anderson
vs.
HMHD**

The agenda item, "Discuss and take all necessary action related to Anderson, et.al v. Hunt Memorial Hospital District, et. al." may be considered following the Executive Session.

**Strategic
Initiatives**

The agenda item, "Consider strategic initiatives and take all necessary action" may be considered following the Executive Session.

**President/CEO
Report**

Mr. Carter reported the following:

The hospital has ample PPE, the new UV-c equipment is working well and the validation of the new PCR Analyzer is expected to be completed soon.

The hospital received a Stroke Recognition Award this week from the American Heart Association called their Achievement Award. The award is for significant improvement in quality and outcomes of our patients.

The MRI project at Hunt Regional Medical Center has been operational for the past two weeks and all is going well.

Hunt Regional Medical Center was recently named in a report as one of the best hospitals in the Dallas area.

The Cardiopulmonary Department successfully passed their Echo Quality Improvement audit for 2020.

The Meadows Foundation awarded the Hospital District a \$25,000 grant for the Employee Care Fund.

The expansion project continues with the interior design near completion and a RFP for a Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) being developed for the project.

Quality Report

There was no report.

Customer Service

Mr. Potter presented the HCAHPS scores for the past two quarters and advised CMS will not be reporting the first and second quarter scores but will begin reporting third quarter scores. As an additional resource to Customer Service, Mr. Potter has hired Jennifer Padilla currently a case manager at our organization to work closely with patients and staff beginning in August to focus on keeping service in top mind. In addition to our Customer Service Data Analysis, he reported Google reviews and customer service ratings are increasing since implementing the new service. Following the presentation, the Board accepted the report.

Compliance Report

Mr. Heatherly presented the Compliance Report for April through June 2020. A total of 316 employees completed Compliance training; sanction checks for the quarter totaled 219 and were completed prior to start dates and all were negative. Under investigations/hotline reports there were no concerns for the quarter; there was no exit interview questions with concerns in April, there were three exit interview questions with concerns in May and in June and all were human resources issues that were investigated and resolved; and for the quarter there were no physician compensation agreements approved. Following the review, the Board accepted the report.

Financial Statements

Mr. Boles presented the June 2020 financial statements and provided an overview of the financial and statistical data. Following the presentation and clarification of the additional funds in the accounts payable account, Mr. Rutherford moved, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to accept the statements, subject to audit. The motion carried unanimously.

**Executive
Session**

There was an Executive Session held under the provision of Section 551.001 et seq., Texas Government Code, for the purpose of 551.071 and 551.085. Following the Executive Session, the following action was taken.

**2020-2021
Strategic
Goals**

Mr. Taylor moved, seconded by Mrs. Peek, to approve the 2020-2021 Strategic Goals as proposed by Administration in Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

**Anderson
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Mr. Taylor moved, seconded by Mrs. Wensel, to approve the settlement terms as outlined by counsel in Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.

**Strategic
Initiatives**

There was no action taken.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.



James Barr, Ph.D.
Secretary