

Cochran County Hospital District
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2022

Cochran Memorial Hospital Lobby
201 E Grant Ave
Morton, Texas 79346

ATTENDANCE

Board of Directors

Betty Lyon
Richard Houston
John Schmidt
William (Bill) Albus
Ray O'Brien

Financials

Margarita (Maggie) Ramon

Hospital Administration

Kody Kitchens

Minutes Taker

Mary McKnight

Guests

Rick Levitt
Priscilla Teague
Veronica Olguin

1. Opening

- a. Quorum present
 - i. Called to order 5:00 p.m.
- b. Invocation led by Ray O'Brien
- c. Public Comments
 - i. None
- d. Review and Consider Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - i. Motion made to approve the November 16, 2022 regular session meeting minutes as presented. Motion seconded. Four (4) votes in favor of approving minutes, zero (0) votes against. Motion passed.

2. Matters for Discussion

- a. City of Morton: EMS Service
 - i. Mayor Rick Levitt; City Manager Veronica Olguin; EMS Administrator Priscilla Teague presented three (3) options in which Cochran Memorial Hospital could further assist EMS Services
 - 1. Hire & pay full time one (1) or more EMS employees
 - 2. Assist with billing portion of EMS service
 - 3. Monetary donation
 - ii. Billing assistance was discussed as the best and most cost efficient of options. Concerns were raised over work-flow issues.
 - iii. Request made to table this discussion until more information could be gathered.
 - iv. Kody will speak with Josie Alvarez regarding EMS billing.
 - v. Discussion tabled.
- b. Rick Levitt, FNP: salary and contract
 - i. Motion made to discuss topic in executive session after regular business is concluded. Motion seconded. Four (4) votes in favor, zero (0) against. Motion carried.

3. Matters for Decision

- a. Tax Deeds
 - i. Parcel 12580 reviewed
 - ii. Parcel 13992 reviewed
 - 1. Motion made to accept Tax Deeds on Parcel 12580 and Parcel 13992. Motion seconded. Four (4) votes in favor of accepting both Tax Deeds; zero (0) votes against. Motion passed.
- b. Redemption Deed: Alma Hernandez
 - i. Redemption deed reviewed, terms for redemption were met, no further action required.

4. Reports

- a. Financial Report
 - i. Beginning to see Medicare compensation again, have recouped \$14,297 which is to be added to the \$15,243.38 Medicare receivables, as that information was not available at the time the report was ran.
 - ii. Personal payments showing significant increase from previous months now that more statements are going out.
 - iii. Bank balance discussed.
 - iv. Line items from financial report discussed.
 - v. Inquiry made if new generator had been received. New generator will not be here until March or May of 2023.
- b. Administrator Report
 - i. Answers to inquiries made at previous meeting
 - 1. We pay the Cochran County Auditor's office \$50.00 to reimburse them for advertising fees as they are required to advertise our new tax rates.
 - 2. The two (2) \$21,000 checks to IRS two weeks apart, those were payroll taxes.
 - 3. Open House was successful
 - 4. Spoke with CPSI regarding FMS system, there are only seven (7) hospitals nationwide using it. Questioned why we were unaware that we were using a BETA system, was told the administrator at the time, Mr. Turney, was aware. None of this mentioned anywhere in contract. Will be meeting via Webex Monday, December 19th at 1000 with CPSI COO. Board members welcome to attend.
 - 5. CMS and Texas mandating electronic case reporting and prescription drug monitoring. Grant is handling the registration. Begins January 1, 2023, need everything in place by December 2023. Will have to have these added to current system, will cost \$9,000 each plus and additional \$403 per month for support. Will be on next month's agenda.
 - 6. Received \$250,000 Rural Hospital Covid-19 and Hospital Relief grant. We have until July 23rd to spend the money. Will be looking at ways we can spend the money that is Covid related.

7. Had issues getting Anthony Mechanical out to fix leak by nurses' station, called a new plumber, he was able to fix the leak for \$1,800. Also had him look at water heater as patient rooms are taking 38 minutes to get hot water. Plumber is working on getting us a quote on parts and labor. Current circulation pump is for household use, not industrial and is not meeting our needs.

5. Open Forum

- a. None

6. Executive Session

- a. Entered Executive Session at 6:18 p.m.
- b. Exited Executive Session at 7:24 p.m.

7. Adjournment

- a. Motion made to adjourn. Motion seconded. Three (3) votes in favor; zero (0) oppose. Motion carried.
 - i. Meeting adjourned 7:26 p.m.

Cochran Memorial Hospital CEO

Date

Cochran Memorial Hospital President, Board of Directors

Date