

LLANO COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
September 21, 2020

The following members attended the meeting:

President: Bob Wallace

Vice President: Pat McDowell

Secretary: Charles Miller

Jay Ward

David Hoerster, MD

1. President Bob Wallace called the meeting to order at 1:32PM.
2. A quorum was established with five members in attendance.
3. Upon a motion by Charles Miller and a second from Pat McDowell, the agenda was unanimously adopted.
4. The Minutes of the August 25, 2020 meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion by David Hoerster and a second by Pat McDowell.
5. Recognition of Visitors for Public Comment: None
6. Reports:
 - A. Treasurer Report – Bob Wallace reported for David Willmann that the balance in our account as of August 31, 2020 was \$149,273.90.
 - B. Update on EMS recommendation to Commissioners Court. – Bob Wallace reported that the Commissioners Court has reviewed the recommendation and is in negotiations with the Hamilton County Hospital EMS for service to Llano County.
7. Old Business
None.
8. New Business
 - A. Status of Critical Access Hospital designation. Brent Fuller, partner with Discovery Healthcare Consulting Group, was introduced. His firm is working pro bono to assist Llano County to obtain this designation. At his direction, Novata Solutions, a Medicare contractor, is facilitating the CAH application. They processed their approval in just ten days and forwarded it to the State of Texas. The State assessment will begin upon completion of the facility survey. There are two candidate firms to complete the survey, DNV and HFAP, both of whom understand the need to expedite the process. If the survey is successfully completed the State will make its recommendation to CMS [Center for Medicare Services]. The LCHA has been in contact with a representative of CMS assigned to our application. They too understand the need to expedite a decision. BSW Health has a team dedicated to assisting with the survey process.
 - B. Discussion of the fees involved with completion of the survey. Pat McDowell explained that only four entities are qualified to conduct the survey, two of which are not able to do so on an expedited basis, leaving DNV and HFAP as our choices. Both are qualified and have estimated

the cost at approximately \$25,000 with some additional fees possible. A summary of their estimates is attached. Further discussion will be held in executive session with Kevin Reed, our attorney and Brent Fuller.

9. Executive Session

At 1:53PM, Bob Wallace called for an executive session to discuss contracting with one of the two companies regarding the survey and coordination with BSW Health whose staff and facility will be surveyed. SEC. 551.072 of the Texas Government Code. The executive session was concluded at 2:38PM.

10. Discussion and/or Action on Information Received in Agenda Item 9.

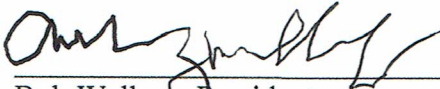
A motion to approve funding of up to \$30,000 for the required survey of the Llano County Hospital was unanimously approved on a motion by Pat McDowell with a second by Charles Miller.

11. No date was proposed for the next meeting. The LCHA will evaluate developments regarding the CAH application, the survey, MidCoast Health System's engagement and seek support from key state and federal elected officials over the next few weeks. Public notice will be given when the next meeting date has been determined.


12. Possible Agenda items for the next meeting include:

None.

13. A motion to adjourn was unanimously approved on a motion by Charles Miller, seconded by Pat McDowell at 2:39PM.



Bob Wallace, President



Charles Miller, Secretary