

LLANO COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MARCH 17, 2020

The following members attended the meeting:

President: Bob Wallace

Vice President: Pat McDowell

Secretary: Charles Miller

Treasurer: David Willmann

Bob Shafer

David Hoerster, MD

Jay Ward

1. President Bob Wallace called the meeting to order at 3:05PM.
2. Certificates of training on Texas Open Meetings Act and Public Information Act were received from directors Wallace, McDowell, Miller, Willmann and Shafer.
3. Mr. Tim Ols, President of the Hill Country Region of BaylorScott&White Health provided an overview of its hospital facility in the city of Llano. BSW Health took over operation of the hospital in 2010. Its ten-year lease expires on December 31, 2020. The physical plant is at the end of its useful life and is operating at an annual loss. The demographics of its service area do not provide sufficient volume to support its operation. He presented several options for remodeling, replacement, reduction of services and/or combination of services for emergency, hospital or clinical services in the future.
4. Questions of the information presented by Mr. Ols followed, including aspects of ambulance service to the area. The need for self-sustaining fiscal operations was acknowledged.
5. The operating costs, capital needs, staffing needs and possible timelines of several future options were discussed. Additional information will be sought regarding funding sources, to include charitable donations, creating a hospital district and partnerships with other providers.
6. A motion by David Hoerster, seconded by Charles Miller to authorize the four officers of the Authority to sign on its bank accounts at Llano National Bank was unanimously approved.
7. Comments and suggestions regarding the LCHA's powers to use its funds to hire legal counsel and other actions were made by Rebecca Lange, County Attorney, Matthew Rienstra, First Assistant County Attorney and Robert Bass, legal advisor to the Commissioner's Court. A motion was made by David Willmann and seconded by Jay Ward to authorize retention of legal counsel for the LCHA. The motion was approved unanimously. President Wallace appointed directors Willmann and McDowell to an ad hoc committee to develop a scope of work and obtain proposals from capable legal counsel. Several suggestions were made for them to consider. Rebecca Lange will provide the committee with a list of attorneys to consider.

8. Public Comment: One resident of Kingsland expressed his concern over the cost of operating a hospital in Llano and for raising taxes to build a new hospital.

9. April 7, 2020 was proposed as the next date to meet. Details will follow. There was a brief discussion of an architectural sketch that is a potential modification to the existing BSW Clinic to accommodate one of the models under consideration.

10. A motion to adjourn was made by David Hoerster, seconded by Charles Miller. The motion was unanimously approved at 5:10PM.

Bob Wallace, President

Charles Miller, Secretary