

**LLANO COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY**  
**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**  
May 18, 2021

The following members attended the meeting:

President: Bob Wallace  
Vice President: Pat McDowell  
Secretary: Charles Miller  
Treasurer: David Willmann  
David Hoerster, MD  
Robert Shafer  
Jay Ward

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1. President Bob Wallace called the meeting to order at 2:05PM.
2. A quorum was established with all members in attendance.
3. Upon a motion by Charles Miller and a second from David Hoerster, the agenda was unanimously adopted.
4. The Minutes of the January 7, 2021 meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion by Pat McDowell and a second by David Willmann.
5. Recognition of Visitors for Public Comment: None
6. Reports:
  - A. Treasurer Report –David Willmann reported that the balance in our account as of April 30, 2021 was \$111,536.92.
7. Old Business  
None.
8. New Business
  - A. Hatch Smith, CEO of MidCoast Health’s Llano Hospital, reviewed the facility’s progress since the first of this year. Patient activity has increased, staffing levels have grown, new equipment has been added with more planned, additional clinics have been opened in Mason and San Saba with others being considered and physical therapy services have been added. Future plans contemplate adding physician specialties, opening several operating room procedures and obtaining Medicare certification for “swing bed” skilled nursing rehabilitation services. He added that Pat McDowell and David Willmann have been added to MidCoast Health’s board of directors.
  - B. Patrick Cobb, Director of EMS & Emergency Management for Hamilton Healthcare System, provided a review of EMS services in Llano County. Four fully equipped and staffed ambulances are now serving the county, in addition to a well-equipped supervisor’s vehicle. Response times are above expectations. The staff of EMTs and Paramedics are highly trained and have above average years of experience; several have additionally achieved critical care

certification from the state. Further upgrades in communications equipment are being introduced for area coverage and connectivity with medical facilities in our region.

- C. Charles Miller, board secretary, stated that a review of the Authority's bylaws is underway with our attorney. Particular attention is being given to the Authority's future role in the changing health care environment and its interaction with the current service providers. Any proposed changes will be presented to the board and the Llano County Commissioners Court for review.
  - D. MidCoast Health Group has requested that one member of the LCHA board be appointed to its executive committee. Upon a motion by David Willmann and a second by Charles Miller, Pat McDowell was unanimously nominated for this position.
9. Executive Session  
None.
10. Discussion and/or Action on Information Received in Agenda Item 9.  
None.
11. President Bob Wallace proposed a tentative date of August 24, 2021 at 2:00PM via Zoom for our next meeting. Public notice will be given when the next meeting date has been determined.
12. Possible Agenda items for the next meeting include:
- Bylaws update.
  - Discussion with MidCoast Health about its ongoing plans for the hospital and the possible need for a hospital tax district for Llano County.
13. A motion to adjourn was unanimously approved on a motion by David Willmann, seconded by Pat McDowell at 2:50PM.

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Bob Wallace, President

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Charles Miller, Secretary