

**REGULAR MEETING  
GARZA COUNTY HEALTH CARE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
April 20, 2023**

The Board of Directors of the Garza County Health Care District met in a special work session on Thursday, April 20, 2023, in the Post Garza EMS Facility. Members present were: Bill Short, Rick Jones, Ted Thomas and Mendy Dalby. Brandy Fannon and UMCP were also present.

Bill Short opened the meeting with a Prayer and a Pledge

- I. **Call to Order:** Bill Short called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
- II. **Introductions:** There were several people from the public.
- III. **Discussion / Action of Old Business Action Items:**
  - a. New Building/RFP After discussion a motion was made by Rick Jones to accept the bid proposal from Dr. Xochi Anderton. Mendy Dalby seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The board will meet with Dr. Anderton to discuss rent and construction details.
  - b. New Building/Landscape Brandy presented the board with a preliminary drawing from Tom's Tree Place. The drawing shows several plants, rocks and grass with a price of \$47,654.92 with a note that he can remove, add or reduce any plants on the drawing. The board decided to just put out an RFP for minimal landscaping. A motion was made by Ted Thomas and seconded by Mendy Dalby. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. **Presentation / Discussion of New Business Action Items:**
  - a. Discussion / Action Regarding Minutes of the March 9, 2023 Regular Meeting, the March 28, 2023 Special Meeting and the April 11, 2023 Special Meeting. After discussion a motion was made by Mendy Dalby seconded by Rick Jones to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried and passed unanimously.
  - b. Randy Conner to discuss Health Care District in General. Mr. Conner asked several questions regarding the new building. He asked

what the official start date was, Bill responded stating that we do not have the official date on hand at the meeting. Mr. Conner stated that he felt like if his dates were correct then the District could actually be owed money from Pharr and Company. Mendy stated that the board would look into the start date and see if the District could re-coup any money. Mr. Conner also wanted to state that he had asked Bill to have the attorney present at this meeting so the public could ask questions directly to him, however the attorney was not present. Bill informed Mr. Conner that after speaking with the attorney he would not attend a public meeting to answer questions posed by the public as he is the Board of Directors attorney and would be happy to convene with them only. Mr. Conner stated that the board needed to consider a new attorney in his opinion. He feels that the new board should have an attorney that did not represent the last board. Mr. Conner moved on to his next item, stating he was not happy about the way the District handles public records requests. He stated that it should not take 10 days to received a requested item and he feels the board should make a change in how to get public information.

**c. Discussion / Action Regarding RFP for Management of Clinic.**

An RFP was written up for the Management of the clinic and has been put in both the Post and Lubbock papers where it will run for two weeks. A motion to approve the content of the RFP made by Rick Jones and seconded by Ted Thomas.

**d. Discussion / Action Regarding Attorney**

After discussion Ted Thomas made a motion to have an RFP drawn up for Attorney Services. Rick Jones seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**e. Presentation / Discussion of the Garza County Health Clinic Report for the Month ended March, 2023**

Julie Cruz presented the clinic report for the month ended March, 2023, reporting revenues in the amount of \$60,290.37, expenses in the amount of \$52,241.26 leaving a PROFIT of \$8,049.11; 585 Visit and 1,375 procedures for the month. At this time Ted Thomas stated he would like to publicly issue an apology for statements made at the Candidates Forum. He did not mean to

say that Angie or Chelsea were not good providers. He stated that he was meaning UMCP when he said the District needed to find a new Provider and has since learned the correct terminology. He stated that he now realizes he should have used the word management services as that pertains to UMCP whereas Provider pertains to Angie or Chelsea.

**f. Discussion / Action Regarding Seized Property**

After discussion, Rick Jones made a motion to approve the sale of seized property. A second was made by Ted Thomas which passed unanimously.

**g. Discussion / Action Regarding the Financial Statements and payment of the monthly bills.**

After review and discussion of the financial statements and monthly bills, Rick Jones made a motion to approve the the financial statements and monthly bills as presented. Ted Thomas seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Ted Thomas later asked why the pay app #11 was released when at the meeting prior they voted to hold it. It was explained that the next meeting the board had information from the architect stating they should release the payment as it did not pertain to the concrete work that Pharr was repairing. The board agreed to go ahead and release based on this information and held the final payment app#12. Brandy presented the final payment for release to the board asking to release it now that the concrete has been replaced. The board stated they would wait to have it released until they can get clarification on the time table that Mr. Conner spoke about.

**VI. Reports / Information Items:**

**a.** Brandy presented the Indigent Report for the month ended March 2023, reporting 4 clients in the program, with March expense in the amount of \$877.16 and YTD expenses of \$7,288.59 which leaves \$142,711.41 in the budget for the year.

**VI. Open Forum**

There were 5 people who signed up to speak at the Open Forum. First was Janie Suber who wanted to say Thank you to the board for doing a good job and opening the RFP for the management of the clinic. She stated that she would love to have extended hours, having a provider available all hours. She asked the board

to be sure and note when looking at the RFP's to see who is going to take care of the patients first and profit second.

Next was Tristan Fannon who stated that he did not feel that 10 days was an unreasonable amount of time to wait for requested information and that he felt that you would have to get more clarification regardless of the information you are requesting. He also stated that UMCP has been in Garza County for a lot of years and has provided the community for years. He also stated that the staff that are there may not be if a change is made to the management of the clinic as that would require changes in payroll, insurance, benefits etc.. He asked that you keep in mind while looking at the RFP's that UMCP has provided a great service to this community taking great care of people. He would hate to see them go away.

Next was Ruthell Stanley who stated she used to use UMCP but it seemed every time she came in it was a new provider and that an MD was always coming and going so she started using Lynn County and continues to use them. She also stated that if they chose UMCP that they need a "real doctor"

Next Randy Conner wanted to address Tristan Fannon's comments saying that when he asked for information he asked for ALL information and received a letter back asking for clarification on what he was asking for. He then stated that the 10 days was brought up because it is the amount of time the law allows, he just doesn't feel like it needs to take the full 10 days. He also stated that as for the RFP's if the board would put those out yearly then there would be more interest. He also stated that in his opinion the board should ask the current attorney to write the RFP for the board to review.

Next on the list was James Fannon stated off thanking the board for serving. He wanted to make an observation that you don't get a turnout like this until the dirt starts moving. He says by then it is too late. A building has already been built or whatever the case may be. He says that he would like to encourage the community to not wait until the dirt starts moving regarding these RFP's as its too late then. He urged the community to reach out and speak before it's too late. He ended with thanking the board for the job they do.

**VII. Schedule Next Regular Board Meeting**

- a. The next Regular Board Meeting was scheduled for Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Post Garza EMS Facility.
- b. A meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, May 10, 2023 to canvass votes.

**VIII. Adjourn**

With no further business, Mendy Dalby made the motion, seconded by Rick Jones, to adjourn this meeting of the Board of Directors. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.



~~Bill Short, President~~

Ted Thomas



Rick Jones, Secretary