

**REGULAR MEETING
GARZA COUNTY HEALTH CARE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OCTOBER 19, 2023**

The Board of Directors of the Garza County Health Care District met in a Regular Session on Thursday, October 19, 2023 in the GCHCD Medical Plaza. Members present were: Ted Thomas, Mendy Dalby, Rick Jones, Bill Short, Cynthia Mason and Administrator Brandy Fannon. Melonie Richburg with Lynn County Hospital District was also in attendance.

I. Call to Order.

Ted called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

II. Introductions: No introductions

III. Presentation / Discussion of Old Business Action Items:

a. Update on the GCHCD Medical Plaza Building

Brandy updated the board that the District Offices have been moved over to the new building and have been set up. As for the dentist space, the installers came and approved the electrical and plumbing that needed to be done for Dr. Andertons equipment. Greg with Carson Construction states that the drywaller will be in this week and once that is complete, they can get the painters in and do the finish work. As for the landscaping, Julio Rojas finished the concrete and rock work. He stated that the extra concrete work to extend the water runoff channel all the way out was not part of the bid and is asking for an additional \$600 more for that work. Mendy Dalby made a motion, seconded by Rick Jones to pay the additional \$600. The motion carried and was passed unanimously.

b. Discussion / Action Regarding Attorney

Ted stated that he found a group called Hendershot Cowart P.C. who have offices in Houston, Austin, San Antonio, and Galveston. They are familiar with the role of Health Care District and it's board and provide services for other health care district similar to the GCHCD. Their billing is \$5,000 up front retainer then an hourly rate in the range of \$295. Per hour to \$575.00 per hour. The \$5,000 retainer is held until the District decides they no longer need their services at which point they will take any remainder amounts due to them out of the \$5,000 and will send a check to the District for any remaining funds.

The board asked if there have been any other attorneys to reach out. Brandy stated that Cal Huffaker had stopped by her office today and stated he would send out some contacts that may be able to represent. Rick Jones made a motion to table this until the next meeting to see if we have any other interest. Cynthia Mason seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

c. Transition of Management/Clinic-Lynn County

Melonie Richburg with Lynn County Hospital District updated the board on the first couple of weeks of the transition. She stated the first week was a little rough due to not having a lot of time for training. In order to keep healthcare available UMCP stayed on until the 28th of September and Lynn County took over services on October 1st not leaving a lot of room for training. The second week went much better as far as the software training goes. Cindy Ford is a Nurse Practitioner who will see patients 4 days a week in addition to Angela Hannaway and Chelsi Henzler who are both P.A.'s. Dr. Jarrett Ross will see patients once a week on Fridays to start out and then move to more days a week, eventually becoming full time.

IV. Presentation / Discussion of New Business Action Items:

a. Discussion / Action Regarding Minutes from the September 21, 2023 Tax Rate Hearing and the September 21, 2023 Regular Meeting.

After review of minutes a motion was made by Mendy Dalby to accept the minutes as presented. A second was made by Bill Short. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Presentation/Discussion of Garza County Health Clinic Report for the month ended September 30, 2023.

Brandy gave the last UMCP report for the month ended September 30, 2023, Showing Revenues in the amount of \$44,576.61, expenses in the amount of \$52,324.53 giving a loss of \$7,747.92. 522 Visits and 1,260 Procedures. No action necessary.

c. Discussion / Action Regarding EMS Loan/Lease

After discussion a motion was made by Mendy Dalby to null and void the current promissory note contract with a remaining balance of \$518,000 that the EMS owes the GCHCD for the construction of the EMS building. Bill Short seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

The EMS building will remain under the GCHCD name due to the terms of the land sale. A new amended lease was presented. Bill Short made a motion to accept the new terms of the lease seconded by Rick Jones, the motion carried unanimously.

d. Discussion/Action Regarding Payment of the Financial Statements

After review a motion was made by Bill Short seconded by Rick Jones accepting the financial statements as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

V. Reports / Informational Items:

a. Indigent Care Report

Brandy Fannon presented the Indigent Care Report stating there were 4 clients on the program with an expense of \$124.76 for the month of September. A total of \$21,688.92 was spent for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023. Total budgeted amount remaining for FYE 9-30-23 was \$128,311.08.

b. Brandy also reminded the board of the County Indigent Conference she would be attending at the end of the month.

VI. Open Forum: There was no one from the public present for the meeting.

VII. Schedule Meetings:

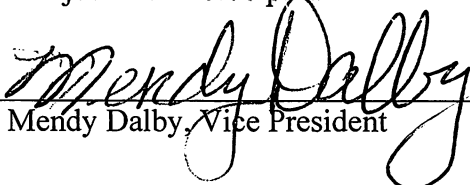
a. The next regular meeting was scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 16, 2023, in the GCHCD Medical Plaza Building.

VIII. Adjourn:

With no further discussion or business, Mendy Dalby made the motion, seconded by Bill Short, to adjourn this meeting of the Board of Directors. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.



Ted Thomas, President



Mendy Dalby, Vice President