



**ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
JULY 7, 2020 – 5:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Don Hallmark, President

**MEMBERS VIRTUALLY PRESENT:** Bryn Dodd, Vice President  
Mary Lou Anderson  
David Dunn  
Wallace Dunn  
Richard Herrera  
Ben Quiroz (present for part of the meeting)

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Russell Tippin, President/Chief Executive Officer  
Steve Ewing, Chief Financial Officer  
Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel  
Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer  
Adiel Alvarado, President of MCH ProCare  
Kerstin Connolly, Paralegal

**OTHERS VIRTUALLY PRESENT:** Dr. Donald Davenport, Chief of Staff  
Dr. Timothy Benton, Vice Chief of Staff  
Michaela Johnson, Executive Assistant to CEO & Public Relations  
Various other interested members of the Medical Staff, employees, and citizens

**I. ROLL CALL**

Don Hallmark called the roll to establish a quorum.

**II. CALL TO ORDER**

Don Hallmark, President, called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. in the Ector County Hospital District Administration Conference Room A at Medical Center Hospital. Notice of the meeting was properly posted as required by the Open Meetings Act.

**III. INVOCATION**

Russell Tippin offered the invocation.

#### **IV. MISSION/VISION OF MEDICAL CENTER HEALTH SYSTEM**

Don Hallmark presented the Mission, Vision and Values of Medical Center Health System.

#### **V. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE BY ANY BOARD MEMBER**

No conflicts were disclosed.

#### **VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

No public comments were offered.

#### **VII. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Consider Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes, June 1, 2020**
- B. Consider Approval of Joint Conference Committee, June 23, 2020**
- C. Consider Approval of Federally Qualified Health Center Monthly Report, May 2020**
- D. Consider Approval of Annual ECHD Board Committee Appointment by Board President**

David Dunn moved and Richard Herrera seconded the motion to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda as presented. The roll call vote was as follows:

Don Hallmark	Aye
Bryn Dodd	Aye
Mary Lou Anderson	Aye
Richard Herrera	Aye
David Dunn	Aye
Wallace Dunn	Aye
Ben Quiroz	Not present

The motion carried unanimously.

#### **VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **A. Finance Committee**

1. Financial Report for Month Ended May 31, 2020
2. Consent Agenda Items
  - a. Consider Approval of 3M Amendment 27 to the Software License Agreement
  - b. Consider Approval of Firetrol Agreement
  - c. Consider Approval of Lockton Agreement
3. Capital Expenditure Request
  - a. Consider Approval of Mizuho-Hana Orthopedic Surgery Table
4. Bond Refunding

Bryn Dodd moved and David Dunn seconded the motion to approve the Finance Committee report as presented. The roll call vote was as follows:

Don Hallmark	Aye
Bryn Dodd	Aye
Mary Lou Anderson	Aye
Richard Herrera	Aye
David Dunn	Aye
Wallace Dunn	Aye
Ben Quiroz	Not present

The motion carried unanimously.

#### 5. 2021 Budget Tax Projections

This item was not discussed in Finance Committee

### IX. PRESIDENT/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT AND ACTIONS

#### A. Governor Abbott's Executive Order GA-27

This was the most recent Executive Order from the Governor and affected mainly the I-35 corridor.

This report was for information only. No action was taken.

#### B. Odessa Economic Indicators 2020

The report shows that due to the downturn in the oil/gas industry the amount of travel into the Permian Basin has been reduced dramatically in the last year

This report was for information only. No action was taken.

#### C. COVID-19 Update

Russell Tippin provided a report on Medical Center Hospital and the response to the COVID-19 virus.

As of today, Medical Center has lifted the out of county diversion. MCH has gone to a 3 day a week press conference. There was a brief discussion on how the physicians are treating the COVID-19 patients. Each case is treated on an individualized basis. There are CDC guidelines for employees to return to work. There have been 35 staff members that have tested positive for COVID-19 and most of them have been community acquired. All employees are tracking their temperatures daily. Employee Health, the In-house Lab, and Materials Management are all doing an excellent job.

This report was for information only. No action was taken.

#### D. Ad Hoc Reports

The Regional Services Update was provided.

This report was for information only. No action was taken.

#### **E. Sale of ECHD Property – 400-406 North Hancock, Odessa, Texas**

This item was saved for discussion and comments after Executive Session.

No action was taken.

#### **F. HealthSure Insurance Update**

Russell Tippin reported that some of the hospitals insurance policies were moving to a new company, Texas Hospital Insurance Exchange (THIE) due to coverage changes and premium costs. THIE is Texas based. With the exception of dropping the Terrorism Policy Coverage, all of the policies are remaining the same as far as amount of deductible and amount of coverage.

This report was for information only. No action was taken.

#### **G. AMR Contract Update**

The revised agreement has been sent back to AMR for review. The property lease for the "Rock House" has been sent to AMR for review.

This report was for information only. No action was taken.

#### **X. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Don Hallmark stated that the Board would go into Executive Session for the meeting held in closed session involving the following: (1) Consultation with attorney regarding legal matters and legal issues pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code; (2) Deliberation Regarding Real Property pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code; (3) Deliberation regarding Personnel Matters pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code; and (4) Deliberation regarding negotiations for health care services, pursuant to Section 551.085 of the Texas Government Code.

**ATTENDEES for the entire Executive Session:** ECHD Board member Don Hallmark; Russell Tippin, Steve Steen, and Kerstin Connolly.

**Virtual attendees:** ECHD Board members Bryn Dodd, Mary Lou Anderson, David Dunn, Wallace Dunn, Richard Herrera, Ben Quiroz and Michaela Johnson.

Adiel Alvarado, President of MCH ProCare, reported to the Board of Directors regarding ProCare provider agreements during Executive Session then was excused.

Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer, reported to the Board of Directors regarding a property lease agreement during Executive Session then was excused.

Russell Tippin, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Steve Ewing, Chief Financial Officer, reported to the Board of Directors. Steve Ewing was excused from the remainder of Executive Session.

**Executive Session began at 6:12 pm.**  
**Executive Session ended at 7:44 p.m.**

No action was taken during Executive Session.

## **XI. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **A. Consider Approval of MCH ProCare Provider Agreements**

Don Hallmark presented the following new contracts:

- Joshua Levinger, M.D. This is a three year agreement for Otolaryngology.

Don Hallmark presented the following renewals:

- Raymond Martinez, M.D. This is a 3 year renewal for OB/Gyn
- Kalyan Chakrala, D.O. This is a 3 year renewal for Gastroenterology.
- Narendra Sajja, M.D. This is 3 year renewal for Hospitalist
- Alexander Bastidas-Palacios, M.D. This is a 3 year renewal for Critical Care

Bryn Dodd moved and Wallace Dunn seconded the motion to approve the ProCare provider agreement as presented. The roll call vote was as follows:

Don Hallmark	Aye
Bryn Dodd	Aye
Mary Lou Anderson	Not present
Richard Herrera	Not present
David Dunn	Aye
Wallace Dunn	Aye
Ben Quiroz	Not present

The motion carried unanimously.

### **B. Consider Approval of Property Lease Agreement**

Don Hallmark presented the following new property lease:

- Dr. Macaulay Nwojo d/b/a Midessa Neurosurgery and Complex Spine, M.D. This is a 3 year lease agreement

David Dunn moved and Bryn Dodd seconded the motion to approve the property lease agreement as presented. The roll call vote was as follows:

Don Hallmark	Aye
Bryn Dodd	Aye
Mary Lou Anderson	Not present
Richard Herrera	Not present
David Dunn	Aye
Wallace Dunn	Aye
Ben Quiroz	Not present

The motion carried unanimously.

**C. Consider Approval of a Resolution authorizing the issuance of Ector County Hospital District Limited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2020; authorizing the pricing officer of the District to effect the sale of such bonds within certain specified parameters; authorizing the redemption prior to maturity of certain outstanding bonds; providing an effective date; and resolving other matters incidental and related to this resolution**

Doug Whitt, Samco Capital, ECHD's Fiduciary Administrator presented the preliminary bond refunding analysis and authorization to proceed with refunding bonds.

David Dunn moved and Bryn Dodd seconded the motion to approve the resolution as presented. The roll call vote was as follows:

Don Hallmark	Aye
Bryn Dodd	Aye
Mary Lou Anderson	Aye – via text to Don Hallmark
Richard Herrera	Not present
David Dunn	Aye
Wallace Dunn	Aye
Ben Quiroz	Aye – via text to Don Hallmark

The motion carried unanimously.

**D. Sale of ECHD Property – 400-406 North Hancock, Odessa, Texas**

Russell Tippin recommended to the ECHD Board to accept bids/proposals for the sale of ECHD property located at 400-406 North Hancock, Odessa, Texas. Legal notice will be posted twice in the Odessa American as required and the sealed bids will be opened at the earliest on July 24, 2020. MCH reserves the right to accept or reject any bid.

David Dunn moved and Wallace Dunn seconded the motion to approve the resolution as presented. The roll call vote was as follows:

Don Hallmark	Aye
Bryn Dodd	Aye
Mary Lou Anderson	Not present
Richard Herrera	Not present
David Dunn	Aye
Wallace Dunn	Aye
Ben Quiroz	Not present

The motion carried unanimously

## XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Don Hallmark adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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David Dunn, Secretary  
Ector County Hospital District