



**ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 – 5:30 p.m.**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Don Hallmark, President
Bryn Dodd, Vice President
Mary Lou Anderson
David Dunn
Wallace Dunn
Ben Quiroz
Richard Herrera

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
Christin Timmons, Chief Nursing Officer
Dr. Donald Davenport, Chief of Staff
Dr. Timothy Benton, Vice Chief of Staff
Kerstin Connolly, Paralegal
Michaela Johnson, Executive Assistant to CEO

**OTHERS VIRTUALLY
PRESENT:**

Gingie Sredanovich, Chief Compliance and Privacy Officer
Tina Leal, Vice President Physician and Community Relations
Various other interested members of the
Medical Staff, employees, and citizens

I. CALL TO ORDER

Don Hallmark, President, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Ector County Hospital District Board Room at Medical Center Hospital. Notice of the meeting was properly posted as required by the Open Meetings Act.

II. INVOCATION

Chaplain Doug Herget offered the invocation.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Don Hallmark led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

IV. MISSION/VISION OF MEDICAL CENTER HEALTH SYSTEM

Bryn Dodd presented the Mission, Vision and Values of Medical Center Health System.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Consider Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes, August 4, 2020**
- B. Consider Approval of Special Meeting Minutes, August 27, 2020**
- C. Consider Approval of Joint Conference Committee, August 25, 2020**
- D. Consider Approval of Federally Qualified Health Center Monthly Report, July 2020**

Bryn Dodd moved and Wallace Dunn seconded the motion to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance Committee

- 1. Financial Report for Month Ended July 31, 2020
- 2. Consider Approval of Roche Agreement
- 3. Consider Approval of Cerner Amendment
- 4. Consider Approval of QUIDEL Sofia 2 Analyzer Placement Agreement
- 5. Consider Approval of Staywell Amendment
- 6. Consider Approval of B-Side CNS Replacement Purchase
- 7. Capital Expenditure Request
 - a. Consider Approval of V-PRO max Sterilizer 208-230v

Bryn Dodd moved and Wallace Dunn seconded the motion to approve the Finance Committee report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE ON TAX RATE

Steve Ewing asked for a motion to issue the public notice of the tax rate and accept public comments on September 10, 2020 and the public hearing to vote to set the tax rate will be on September 17, 2020 a meeting on the

Don Hallmark called for a roll call. Wallace Dunn moved and Mary Lou Anderson seconded the motion to set the hearings as presented by Steve Ewing. Members voting for: Don Hallmark, Mary Lou Anderson, David Dunn, Wallace Dunn, Ben Quiroz and Richard Herrera; Members voting against: Bryn Dodd.

VIII. PRESIDENT/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT AND ACTIONS

A. COVID-19 Update

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

MCH's in-house numbers continue to be better. At a meeting where the ECISD Superintendent spoke the District's COVID situation is good. Any positive tests can be traced back to community exposure and not classroom exposure. They are three weeks

in and continue to add more students every week and they have had low positivity rates. We are starting to allow visitors for end of life patients, there is a waiver for the visitor to sign. According to Christin Timmons, Chief Nursing Officer, the families are very appreciative, but none of the families accepted the offer to come in. We are under Governor Abbott's Executive Order until September 29th.

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

B. Ad hoc Report

1. Regional Services Update was provided.

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

2. Trauma Report

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

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Don Hallmark stated that the Board would go into Executive Session for the meeting held in closed session involving any of 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 exchange, lease, or value of real property pursuant to 551.072 of the Texas Government Code; (3) Deliberation and evaluation of officers and employees of Ector County Hospital District pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code; (4) Deliberation regarding negotiations for health care services, pursuant to Section 551.085 of the Texas Government Code; (5) Information that, if released or disclosed, would give advantage to a competitor as per Section 552.104 of the Texas Government Code; and (6) Advice, recommendations, opinions, or other material reflecting the policymaking processes of the Ector County Hospital District as per Section 552.111 of the Texas Government Code

ATTENDEES for the entire Executive Session: ECHD Board members Don Hallmark; Bryn Dodd, Mary Lou Anderson, David Dunn, Wallace Dunn, Richard Herrera, Ben Quiroz, Russell Tippin, Mary Gallegos and Steve Steen.

Virtual attendees: ECHD Board member, Ben Quiroz.

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 and Strategic Planning during Executive Session then was excused.

Mary Gallegos, Risk Manager, reported to the Board of Directors regarding the Risk Update.

Russell Tippin, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Steve Ewing, Chief Financial Officer, reported to the Board of Directors.

**Executive Session began at 5:43 pm.
Executive Session ended at 6:41 p.m.**

No action was taken during Executive Session.

X. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Consider Approval of MCH ProCare Provider Agreements

Don Hallmark presented the following new contracts:

- Vikas Patel, M.D. This is a three year agreement for Orthopedics.

Don Hallmark presented the following renewals:

- Vijay Borra, M.D. This is a 5 year renewal for Orthopedics.
- Adam Farber, M.D. This is a 3 year renewal for Cardiology.
- Kenneth Batch, M.D. This is a 1 year renewal for Anesthesia.

David Dunn moved and Mary Lou Anderson seconded the motion to approve the ProCare provider agreement as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Consider Approval of Property Lease Agreement

Don Hallmark presented the following new property lease:

- MCH ProCare – Dr. Othee, 500 N. Washington, Odessa, Texas 79761. This is a 3 year lease agreement

David Dunn moved and Ben Quiroz seconded the motion to approve the property lease agreement as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Don Hallmark adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David Dunn, Secretary
Ector County Hospital District