

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE
WALKER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
November 15, 2023**

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The Board of Managers of the Walker County Hospital District, Walker County, Texas, met in a regular session, open to the public on November 15, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., in the Walker County Hospital District Conference room located on the 6th floor of the First National Bank building.

Members of the Board present included:
 Chairman, Anne Woodard
 Vice Chairman, Joe Sapp
 Secretary, Curtis Montgomery
 Manager, Jerry Larrison
 Manager, Lane Aiena.

Also, in attendance were Ralph Beaty, WCHD Administrator, Keli Molina, WCHD Administrative Assistant and members from the public and noted on the sign in sheet.

Agenda Item 1: Call meeting to order.

Chairman Anne Woodard called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Agenda Item 2: Consider approving the minutes for the public meeting held on September 13, 2023 and the Public Hearing on September 25, 2023.

Joe Sapp made a motion to approve, Lane Aiena seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 3: Comments from the public. If you wish to address the Board of Managers, please register prior to the meeting being called to order.

No comments from the public were made.

Agenda Item 4: Comments and reports from Huntsville Community Hospital Corporation administration.

Patrick Shannon CEO gave a brief report on HCH stating the months of September and October were both good months and also from a volume perspective. In the month of October, we had 297 admissions, length of stay 4.74, 244 surgeries, 291 GI procedures and 1,878 ED Visits. Our leap frog scores have gone up to just below a B and should be a B by this summer. We made a decision to go with the Hospitalist Group and the effective date is January 24, 2024. The new group is called HHA. We are looking forward to this and very excited about it.

Mary Bevier CFO stated we have been running on a positive EBITDA and are really close to budget but will be negative on some months too but we are planning to stay ahead.

Ian Gibson COO stated they were able to fill the 2 nurse practitioners' positions. We also have one physician to work both part time positions as an OBGYN and the administrative side of it.

There will be a physician Mathew Mason to start around May to June 2024 coming from Louisiana and also a couple who were interviewed a few weeks ago one a pediatrician and the other a FPOB. They have 8 years of experience in Labor and Delivery. We have a follow up call on them coming up.

We continue to search for a Sports Medicine Physician. We also have some bids coming in on the Clean Room since it isn't up to code. The Clean Air has the best bid so far.

Agenda Item 5: Discussion regarding Capital Expenditure for Huntsville Community Hospital.

Ian Gibson COO gave a brief report on some Capital Equipment to be replaced or fixed at the hospital.

Agenda Item 6: Oath of Office for board members.

Judge Tracy Sorensen administered the Oath of Office to Joe Sapp and Lane Aiena and each one of them accepted the duties required

Agenda Item 7: Elect positions for board members.

Joe Sapp made a motion to nominate Anne Woodard as head of chair for the board, Curtis Montgomery seconded. Curtis Montgomery made a motion to nominate Joe Sapp for Vice- Chair of the board, Lane Aiena seconded. Anne Woodard nominated Jerry Larrison to be secretary of the board, Lane Aiena seconded. All motions carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 8: Review and consider approving the monthly financial reports.

Curtis Montgomery made a motion to approve the monthly financial reports, Lane Aiena seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 9: Consider approving payment of monthly bills.

Joe Sapp made a motion to approve the monthly bills, Curtis Montgomery seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 10: Adjourn meeting.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 pm.



Anne Woodard, WCHD Chairman



Jerry Larrison, WCHD Secretary