

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE
WALKER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
January 24, 2024**

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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 January 24, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., in the Walker County Hospital District Conference room located at the First National Bank building.

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

Secretary, Jerry Larrison and WCHD Administrator, Ralph Beaty were both absent.

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

Agenda Item 1: Call meeting to order.

Chairman Anne Woodard called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Agenda Item 2: Consider approving the minutes for the public meeting held on November 15, 2023.

Joe Sapp made a motion to approve, Curtis Montgomery 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 stated the new hospital group HHA started today and now we will have a full staff for days and nights which we are very pleased about. We just now completed our Town Hall meetings which have reached over 250 of our employees. We have a new Chief Medical Officer Dr. Yasser Zeid from Tyler Texas and he will be joining Dr. Montgomery in February. We will still be recruiting for another OBGYN to add to our staff as well. We will be presenting our Business 3 year plan soon with CHC. HCH just won the Business of the Year Award in Huntsville and we are very excited about this.

Mary Bevier CFO stated that admissions volumes for December were up from November and the length of stay was 4.9, the inpatient days were shorter from last years, admits were 296, surgeries were below budget, emergency room visits were 1,964 and the clinic was up to budget for December. The EBITDA was positive for December.

Ian Gibson COO stated 2 of the elevators are completed and 1 to be completed in February. We have replaced the doors at the Emergency Room that the EMS come thru and we are working on the panic buttons in the emergency room for security measures. The 4-bed unit across from the ICU is now completed as well. Along with the funds from the WCHD and grants we have received we estimate that the X-Ray equipment will be completed around the 14th of February. The clean room is in the process of being brought up to code now. The new generator installation for the entire hospital will begin in 2025.

Agenda Item 5: Huntsville Community Hospital to give a report on Indigent Health Care for 2023.

Mary Bevier CFO handed out a report on the Indigent Health Care for 2023.

Agenda Item 6: Davis, Heinemann & Company, P.C. to go over the WCHD audit report for 2021.

Ken Davis from Davis, Heinemann & Company, P.C. gave a report on the 2021 WCHD Audit and said everything was good with it.

Lane Aiena made a motion to approve the WCHD 2021 Audit, Joe Sapp seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 7: Review and consider approving the monthly financial report for November & December 2023.

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

Agenda Item 8: Consider approving payment of monthly bills for November & December 2023.

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

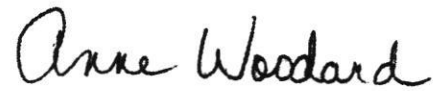
Agenda Item 9: Adjournment to closed session, which is necessary and authorized by Section 551.001 et. Seq., including specifically without limitation, Section as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.074: of the Texas Government Code (the Open Meetings Act).

a. EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board of Managers of the Walker County Hospital District will adjourn for a meeting in executive session to discuss personnel matters within Walker County Hospital District.

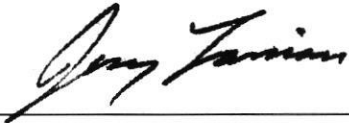
b. Any action as a result of this session will occur when the open meeting is reconvened.
Joe Sapp made a motion to approve an office employee's benefits, Curtis Montgomery seconded.
The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 10: Adjourn meeting.

With their being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.



Anne Woodard, WCHD Chairman



Jerry Larrison, WCHD Secretary