

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE  
WALKER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
June 26, 2024**

THE STATE OF TEXAS       §  
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COUNTY OF WALKER       §

The Board of Managers of the Walker County Hospital District, Walker County, Texas, met in a regular session, open to the public on June 26, 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  
    Secretary, Jerry Larrison  
    Manager, Lane Aiena

Absent from meeting was Manager, Curtis Montgomery

Also, in attendance were WCHD Administrator, Ralph Beaty, Keli Molina WCHD Administrative Assistant and members of 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 6:00 pm.

**Agenda Item 2: Consider approving the minutes for the Regular Meeting held on May 22, 2024 and Special Meeting held on June 06, 2024.**

Lane Aiena made a motion to approve, Joe Sapp seconded. The motion was carried by a 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 May was a strong month financially and the hospital should be ahead of budget. The Cath labs are ahead, ED volumes are strong, wait time is at 1.3% and the new ED Provider will be Memorial Herman starting August 2<sup>nd</sup>. The current ED Provider is Concord. We are working with a group of physicians in an endeavor to set up an ambulatory surgery center in the community. The center and equipment would be leased not owned by the hospital. We have a new Foundation Board for Fund Raising and Community Events, there will be 15 spots with 12 filled already, our first meeting will probably be in August. We met with the 2<sup>nd</sup> class of Residents today for a meet and greet.

Mary Bevier CFO stated that for the month of May the ER visits were 1,835 which are above budget by 9% from last year. The rehab picked back up too. The length of stay is at 4.5% which is better but still not where we want it to be. There were some IGT'S made and another one coming up. We just received a Grant from The Texas Department of Agriculture for \$134,000.

Ian Gibson COO stated the new generator that will be installed in 2025 and will power the entire hospital. Entergy will pay 70% and HCH will pay 30%. This is one of the largest Capital Projects we have along with some others such as the ER Roof, a new dishwasher and chillers for areas in the hospital. We are excited to announce we have 2 providers coming into the clinic, a nurse practitioner and a midwife.

**Agenda Item 5: Ken Davis from Davis, Heinemann & Company, P.C. will present the WCHD 2022 Audit for approval.**

Jerry Larrison made a motion to approve, Lane Aiena seconded. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

**Agenda Item 6: Review and consider approving the monthly financial report.**

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

**Agenda Item 7: Consider approving payment of monthly bills.**

Lane Aiena made a motion to approve, Jerry Larrison seconded. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

**Agenda Item 8: Executive Session: The Walker County Hospital District Board of Managers will adjourn into a closed session to meet and discuss a potential real estate transaction.**

**Any action as a result of this session will occur when open meeting is reconvened.**

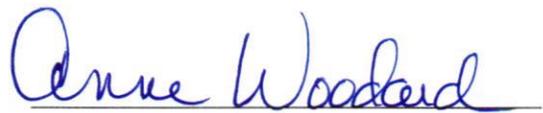
**Adjournment to closed session is necessary and authorized by Section 551.001 et seq., including specifically without limitation Section 551.071 and Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code (the Open Meetings Act).**

**Agenda Item 9: Reconvene into Open Session to discuss any potential action needed from executive session.**

The board had a discussion in executive session for a potential real estate transaction on some property near I-45 for a long-term lease investment. No action needed.

**Agenda Item 10: Adjourn meeting.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

  
Anne Woodard, WCHD Chairman

  
Jerry Larrison, WCHD Secretary