

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE
WALKER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
OCTOBER 23, 2024**

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The Board of Managers of the Walker County Hospital District, Walker County, Texas, met in a Public Hearing, open to the public on October 23, 2024 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
Manager, Lane Aiena.

Members of the Board absent:
Secretary, Jerry Larrison
Manager, Curtis Montgomery

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 Hearing meeting held on September 25, 2024.

Joe Sap 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 introduced the new CFO Paul Hanson and he has been with us for 4 weeks and has been very busy already doing a great job. The month of September has been a good month for us at the hospital. Total admissions were 283, total patient days 1,122, total surgeries 199, total ER visits 1,773 and total clinic visits 579. Patrick stated that there is an IV fluid shortage issue that has affected all hospitals since the last hurricane. This has affected the surgeries and other things at the hospital so we have to be very creative and careful now. Everyone is working together on this iv fluid issue. They are giving us a December timeline before this issue is fixed. The hospital received an award for their active threat drill. Also Dr. Taylors last day with HMM will Be February 07, 2025.
COO Ian Gibson stated they had received 2 bids on the chillers and roof work needed and they should be receiving a few more. He also stated that the hospital needs to update their telemetry machines. This will be very costly so he is currently pricing them at different vendors.

Agenda Item 5: Take action to approve the Resolution to adopt the 15% Collection Penalty to defray the cost of collection of delinquent taxes, penalties and interest due and unpaid as of July 1, 2025, and each year thereafter pursuant to Tax Code Sections 33.07 and 33.08.

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

Agenda Item 6: Take action to approve a contingent fee contract with Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins and Mott, LLP pursuant to Section 6.30 of the Tax Code, said contract being for the collection of delinquent government receivables owed to Walker County Hospital District and notice of said contract is posted with the agenda in accordance with Section 2254 of the Government Code.

Joe Sapp made a motion to approve the contingent fee contract and Anne Woodard seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 7: Review and consider approving the monthly financial reports.

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

Agenda Item 8: Consider approving payment of monthly bills.

Joe Sapp made a motion to approve the monthly bills and Lane Aiena seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda 9: Discuss Huntsville Community Hospital Corporation subsidy and potential vote regarding the subsidy.

Chairman Anne Woodard gave a brief report to explain the subsidy to HMH and stated the amount would be around \$ 3,000,000.00.

Lane Aiena made a motion to approve the subsidy to HMH with the exception of not going over 3.2 million and Joe Sapp seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 10: Report from Chairman Anne Woodard.

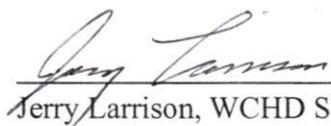
Chairman Anne Woodard gave a brief report on the Lobbyist and the salary required.

Lane Aiena made a motion to approve Chairman Anne Woodard to move ahead with the negotiations and final approval on the amount, Joe Sapp seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 11: Adjourn meeting.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.


Anne Woodard, WCHD Chairman


Jerry Larrison, WCHD Secretary