

The Deaf Smith County Hospital District Board of Directors met in a regular monthly meeting on Thursday August 27, 2020 at 5:30 pm at the Hereford Community Center Banquet Room

Notice is hereby given that Hereford Regional Medical Center is currently under the Texas Department of Health and Human Services Emergency Rule #GL 20-2015, issued April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020, titled Emergency Rule for Hospital Response to Covid-19. This rule forbids hospital visitors for 120 days.

In accordance with section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, the Office of the Governor has suspended statutes to the extent necessary to allow telephonic or videoconference meetings and to avoid congregate settings in physical locations: - those statutes that require a quorum or a presiding officer to be physically present at the specified location of the meeting; provided, however, that a quorum still must participate in the telephonic or videoconference meeting.

This suspension is in effect until terminated by the Office of the Governor or until the March 13, 2020 disaster declaration is lifted or expires.

**Directors present:** Becky Bridwell, Bob Josserand, Harold McNutt, Mike Schueler, and Chris Woodard.

**Directors present via video:** Tanner Black

**Other attendees:** Jeff Barnhart, CEO; Sharon Hunt, CFO; Candice Smith, CNO; Jodi Jordan, Admin Asst; Audie Sciumbato; Glen Odom.

**Other attendees via video:** Don McBeth.

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**1. Call to Order, Pledge and Invocation.**

Mike Schueler, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Mr. Schueler led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the Invocation.

**2. Public Comment.**

No public comments.

**3. Renegade Renewable Energy Updated Tax Abatement Contract**

The board reviewed the updated Tax Abatement Contract between Hereford Regional Medical Center and Renegade Renewable, LLC. Mr. Sciumbato was present to answer questions. Mr. McNutt made a motion to approve the updated contract. The motion was seconded by Mr. Woodard. Motion passed unanimously.

**4. Approval of Minutes for June 25, 2020.**

Mr. Woodard made a motion to approve June 25, 2020 minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Bridwell. Motion passed unanimously.

**5. Certification of Unopposed Candidates**

Mr. Schueler presented the certification to the board and explained DSCHD has four positions on the board for the November election. Tanner Black, Harold McNutt, Chris Woodard and Cynthia Cooper filled out and turned in an application. Mr. Jossierand made a motion to approve the certification of unopposed Candidates. The motion was seconded by Mr. McNutt. Motion passed unanimously.

**6. Chief Financial Officers Report**

**Presentation of financial statements for June and July of 2020**

Sharon Hunt, CFO presented the financial reports for the month of June and July. The district realized a net gain of \$510,631 for the month of June and \$1,410,188 net gain for the year which is above budget and higher than last year's bottom line, which showed a net gain of \$163,675. For the month of July, the district had a net gain of \$1,552,628 for them month and \$2,962,817 net gain for the year, which is above budget and higher than last year's bottom line, which showed a net gain of \$143,478 for the year. Mrs. Hunt answered questions from the Board. Mr. Jossierand made a motion to approve all financials as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. Woodard. Motion passed unanimously.

**Review 2019-2020 Deaf Smith County Hospital District Budget.**

The 2019-2020 budget was presented by Mrs. Hunt for review. The board reviewed and discussed the updated budget.

**Review and record vote on proposal to consider Deaf Smith County Hospital District tax increase.**

Mr. Schueler presented the tax rates and the increase being proposed. There was discussion regarding the tax base and rates from last year and the previous years. The proposed rate would be 0.31458. Mr. Woodard made the following motion on the proposed tax rates M&O .21641 and I&S .09817, for a total tax rate of .31458. Mr. McNutt seconded the motion. Voting for the proposed tax rate: Bob Jossierand, Mike Schueler, Chris Woodard, Tanner Black, Becky Bridwell, and Harold McNutt. Absent: Mark Collier.

**7. Chief Nursing Officer Report**

Mrs. Smith presented the 2019 Trauma report for review and explained the district's survey is in a couple of weeks. She answered questions relating to the report.

Mrs. Smith presented two Emergency Room policies for review. She explained they will need to be approved at our next board meeting.

**8. Chief Executive Officer Report**

**Presentation of opportunity to convert Hereford Regional Medical Center to Critical Access hospital status**

Mr. Barnhart along with Mr. McBeth made a presentation to the board on the possibility converting HRMC to a Critical Access Hospital. Mr. McBeth explained that the possible opportunity could take place due to the possibility of some pending federal legislation. He also discussed a potential timeline for this opportunity and the financial benefits to the status change. Mr. Barnhart asked the

board for a resolution to support conversion, contingent on legislation and a financial viability review. Mr. McNutt made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Woodard. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Capital budget Substitutions**

Mr. Barnhart presented capital budget substitutions to the board and explained due to the COVID pandemic the district will need to have substitutions. Mrs. Bridwell made a motion to approve the substitutions. The motion was seconded by Mr. McNutt. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Physician and Allied Health Recruitment**

Mr. Barnhart gave a brief update to the board regarding recruitment of physicians for our clinic. Mr. Barnhart informed the board of a provider interested in our District, Dr. Cannon came for a tour and interview with her husband. Along with another provider, Dr. Causey is scheduled for September 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Both look promising and interested. The district will continue the process of recruiting a FPOB. Mr. Barnhart answered questions and concerns from the board.

### **9. Executive Session.**

At 6:46 pm, Mr. Schueler announced that a closed meeting would be held pursuant to Tex. Government Code 161.032 and 551.071 Appointments/ Reappointments of Medical Staff, and Non-Physician Clinical Providers to Hereford Regional Medical Center.

At 6:55 pm, Mr. Woodard made a motion to reconvene into open session. Mrs. Bridwell seconded the motion. Motion passed. The following action was taken Mr. Woodard made a motion to appoint, reappoint, and voluntary resignations:

#### **Initial Appointments:**

#### **Provisional Status- June 2020**

Bednarczyk, Steven, DO – Emergency Medicine

Ireland, Rhiana, MD – Emergency Medicine

Kaya, Dersim, MD – Emergency Medicine

#### **Reappointment**

#### **Consulting Status**

Sbar, Alan, MD – General Surgery

#### **Allied Health**

#### **Reappointment**

Richardson, Christy, CRNA – Nurse Anesthetist

#### **Initial Appointment or Reappointment – July 2020**

#### **Provisional Status**

Ahmed, Mohamed, MD – Emergency Medicine

Davies, Tabitha, DO – Family Practice

Ouma, Joseph, MD – Emergency Medicine – (Red Flag)

Zawahiri, Mohammed, DM – Emergency Medicine

**Reappointment**

**Consulting Status**

Bashover, Eva, MD - Pathology

**Advancement**

Barfoot, Alanna, DO – Family Practice  
Campin, Richard, MD – Radiology  
Haecherl, Michael, CRNA – Nurse Anesthetist  
Hopkins, Jeffrey, CRNA – Nurse Anesthetist  
Khan, Imtiaz, MD – Emergency Medicine  
Levine, Marc, MD – Internal Medicine  
Lindquest, Samuel, MD – Internal Medicine

**Voluntary Resignations**

Colunga, Frank, MD – Emergency Medicine  
Levine, Marac, MD – Internal Medicine/Cardiology  
Sames, Thomas, MD – Family Practice – did not return recredentialing packet or updated malpractice  
Wolff, Paul, CRNA – Nurse Anesthetist

**Allied Health Initial or Reappointment**

**Reappointment**

Black, Kelly, CRNA – Nurse Anesthetist  
Heiman, Jennifer, NP – Nurse Practitioner

**Voluntary Resignations**

Haecherl, Michael, CRNA – Low Volume  
Hopkins, Jeffrey, CRNA – Moved  
Wolff, Paul, CRNA – Low Volume  
Yarber, Belynda, NP – did not return recredentialing packet or updated malpractice.

**Initial Appointment or Reappointment – August 2020**

**Reappointment**

**Active Status**

Chase, Earl, DO – Emergency Medicine

**Allied Health**

**Reappointment**

Jansa, Carolyn, NP – Nurse Practitioner

Motion was seconded by Mr. McNutt. Motion passed unanimously.

**10. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. The motion was made by Mr. Woodard. Motion seconded by Mr. McNutt. Motion passed unanimously.



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Mike Schueler, President