

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 6th, 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 via video: Tanner Black, Bob Josserand, Mike Schueler and Chris Woodard.

Other attendees via video: Jeff Barnhart, CEO; Sharon Hunt, CFO; Candice Smith, CNO; Jodi Jordan, Admin Asst; Tammy Clements, Infection Control; Patsy Smith, HR; Audie Sciumbato; Jeff Blackmon, Hereford Brand; Glen Odom, Judge DJ Wagner, County Judge; Allen Funk; Herb Vogel; Wayne Betzen; Brant Couch, Healthsure.

1. Call to Order, Pledge and Invocation.

Mike Schueler, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:23 p.m. Mr. Schueler led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the Invocation.

2. Public Comment.

Jeff Blackmon from Hereford Brand expressed his appreciation for the Hospital District and thanked everyone during this difficult time.

3. Renegade Renewable Energy Presentation

Mr. Sciumbato presented the updated Renegade Renewable Energy tax abatement amendment. The updated abatement reflects a request of 99% per MW of Nameplate Capacity. That payment equates to just over \$100,000 annually during that period of abatement based on the current project layout. Some of the landowners voiced their approval of the abatement.

4. Approval of Minutes for February 27, 2020.

Mr. Woodard made a motion to approve February 27, 2020 minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. Black. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Chief Financial Officers Report

Presentation of financial statements for February, March, and April of 2020

Sharon Hunt, CFO presented the financial reports for the month of February, March, and April. The district realized a net gain of \$273,517 for the month of February and \$582, 293 for the year which is above budget and higher than last year's bottom line, which showed a net loss of \$8509 for the year. For the month of March, the district had a net loss of \$25,919 for them month but for the year, the district had a net gain of \$556,375, which is above budget and higher than last year's bottom line, which showed a net loss of \$288,509 for the year. And for April, the district had a net loss of \$2,590 for the month and a net gain of \$553,784 for the year, which is above budget and higher than last year's bottom line which showed a net loss of \$188,066. 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.

6. Chief Executive Officer Report

Mandatory Training – House Bill3834 Cybersecurity Awareness Training

Mr. Barnhart updated the board on House Bill 3834 Cybersecurity Awareness Training. All members need to take the training for the district's compliance with State.

COVID – 19 Pandemic

Mr. Barnhart, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Clements expressed appreciation to the community and the board for the continued support during the pandemic. They all updated the board on the most updated information regarding the Coronavirus, the procedures and process of the hospital and community and the plans for continued procedures. All answered questions from the board.

Physician and Allied Health Recruitment

Mr. Barnhart gave a brief update to the board regarding recruitment of physicians for our clinic and the change in our CRNAs. John Hartin will be semi-retired and only working PRN. With the change, we have hired Mary Hardie and Kelly Black. Mr. Barnhart also informed the board of Dr. Sean Wengroff would moving at the end of August 2020. The district will start the process in recruiting a FPOB. Mr. Barnhart answered questions and concerns from the board.

Review and Approve Deaf Smith County Hospital Employee 2020-2021 Health Insurance Renewal

Brant Couch of Healthsure presented Employee Insurance and Benefits proposal to the board and explained the highlights of their products and services for Rural Health Plans. He made his recommendations for our health plan. He noted that the bid was generally the same as last year, so the services will mirror our current plan. He also explained was the Stop-Loss proposal of two insurance companies and recommended going with Berkley. Mr. Barnhart and Mrs. Smith recommended using Berkley along with Mr. Couch and expressed their appreciation with Caprock. Caprock is very easy to work with and continue to help and resolve issues with all employee's plans and claims. Mr. Jossierand made a motion to approve the renewal with the recommendation of the CEO and HR director. The motion was seconded by Mr. Black. Chris Woodard abstained. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Executive Session.

At 6:50 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 7:00 pm, Mr. Black made a motion to reconvene into open session. Mr. Woodard seconded the motion. Motion passed. The following action was taken Mr. Black made a motion to appoint, reappoint, and voluntary resignations:

Initial Appointments:

Provisional Status- March 2020

Lang, John, MD – Emergency Medicine – (Red Flag)
Steward, Holly, MD – Emergency Medicine
Trevino, Jaime, MD – Emergency Medicine

Reappointment

Courtesy Status:

Elhardt, Mary, MD – Emergency Medicine
Kanase, Padmanee, MD – Emergency Medicine
Shokr, Aiman, MD – Emergency Medicine

Advancement:

Kizzaart, Jerome, MD – Emergency Medicine
Rhodes, Helen, MD – Emergency Medicine
Thetford, David, MD – Emergency Medicine

Allied Health

Advancement

Flores, Elisa, NP – Nurse Practitioner
Jones, Lauren, NP – Nurse Practitioner

Provisional Status- April 2020

Attia, Khaled, MD – Emergency Medicine

Reappointment

Active Status

Rohm, Trevor, MD – Family Practice
Courtesy Status
Shamsi, Tariq, MD – Emergency Medicine

Consulting Status

Mehta, Nilay, MD – Radiology

Voluntary Resignations

Duran, Guadalupe, MD – Emergency Medicine
Fernando, Victoria, MD – Emergency Medicine
Patterson, Jeffrey, MD – Emergency Medicine
Scott, Sheyenne, MD – Emergency Medicine

Allied Health Initial or reappointment

Reappointments

Vogler, Phillip, PA - Radiology

Initial Appointment or Reappointment – May 2020

Provisional Status

Cassuto, James, MD – Radiology

Lennard, Luke, MD – Radiology

Reappointment

Advancement

Poage, Frederick, MD – Emergency Medicine

Voluntary Resignations

Flores, Michael, MD – Family Practice

Allied Health Initial or Reappointment

Provisional

Bhakta, Pranav, PA – Physician Assistant – Radiology

Giles, Thomas, PA – Physician Assistant – Radiology

Hardie, Mary, CRNA – Nurse Anesthetist

Reappointment

Seals, Nathin, PA – Physician Assistant

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

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m. The motion was made by Mr. Woodard. Motion seconded by Mr. Black. Motion passed unanimously.

Mike Schueler, President