

The Deaf Smith County Hospital District Board of Directors met in a regular monthly meeting on Thursday November 19, 2020 at 5:30 pm in the Education Room of Hereford Regional Medical Center.

Directors present: Tanner Black, Harold McNutt, Mike Schueler and Chris Woodard.

Other attendees: Jeff Barnhart, CEO; Sharon Hunt, CFO; Jodi Jordan, Admin Asst.; Tammy Clements, Infection Control; Cynthia Cooper.

1. Call to Order, Pledge and Invocation

Mike Schueler, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Mr. Schueler led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the Invocation.

2. Public Comment

No public comments.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Woodard made a motion to approve the October 1, 2020 board minutes. Motion was seconded by Mr. Black. Motion carried.

4. Chairman's Report

Certificates of Election and Statement of Officers

Mike Schueler certified the Election and handed out the Statement of Officer. Cynthia Cooper, Tanner Black and Harold McNutt signed the statement.

Administration of the Oath of Office to Cynthia Cooper, Tanner Black, and Harold McNutt.

The board welcomed the new board member. Jodi Jordan, Administrative Assistant and a Texas Notary Public, administered the Oath of Office to Cynthia Cooper, Tanner Black, and Harold McNutt.

Election of Officers

Mr. Black made a motion to reappoint officers for 2020-2021. President – Mike Schueler, Vice President – Harold McNutt, Secretary – Chris Woodard. Committee assignments will be made at a later date. Mrs. Cooper seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Rees Associates, Inc – Mr. Lawson

Mr. Lawson presented the proposed enclosed walkway addition between the clinic and hospital to the board via telephone.

6. Chief Financial Officers Report

Presentation of financial statements for September and October of 2020.

Mrs. Hunt presented the financial statements and statistical reports related to income, expenses, and budgeted operations for the periods ending September 30, 2020 and October 31, 2020. For the month of September, the district had a net loss of \$398,225 for the month, which was below budget and prior year. For the year, a net gain of \$2,348,402 for the year, which is above budget and higher than last year's bottom line, which showed a net gain of \$1,087,231. For the month of October, the district had a net of \$195,086 for the month, which was above budget and higher than prior year.

Mr. Black made a motion to accept September and October financials as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Woodard. Motion carried.

7. Chief Executive Officers Report

Physician Recruitment

Mr. Barnhart brief updated to the board on the recruitment of providers for our clinic. He received word that Dr. Cannon signed elsewhere.

COVID-19 Update

Mr. Barnhart and Mrs. Clements along with Dr. Rohm gave a brief update on COVID-19. We have tested 3,000 with 1500 positive. That is 10% of the population, that's 5 times the average. We continue with the COVID clinic and looking forward to the vaccine.

8. Medical Staff Report – Dr. Rohm

Dr. Rohm gave a brief report on COVID. He answered questions and concerns from the board regarding the virus, treatment, and vaccine.

Executive Session

At 7:00 pm, Mr. Schueler announced that a closed meeting would be held pursuant to Tex. Gov Code 161.032, Tex. Gov Code 551.071 and Health and Safety Code 161.032. At 7:16 pm, Mr. McNutt made a motion to reconvened in open session. Motion was seconded by Mr. Woodard. The following action was taken:

Mr. McNutt made a motion to reappoint, appoint and voluntary resignation the following providers:

Initial Appointment: Provisional Status

McCallum, Ryan, DO – Emergency Medicine

O'Dell, Montana, MD – Emergency Medicine

Reappointment: Courtesy Status

Haacke, David, DO – Emergency Medicine

McMurry, Ronnie, MD – Emergency Medicine

Reappointment: Voluntary Resignations

Ahmed, Hassan, MD – Emergency Medicine

Canchola, Samuel, MD – Emergency Medicine

Gibbs, James, MD – Emergency Medicine

Rhodes, Helen, MD – OB/GYN – did not return recredentialing packet.

Zerki, Sana – MD – Emergency Medicine

Allied Health

Initial Appointment: Provisional Status

Culp, Kylie, NP – Nurse Practitioner

Mr. Black seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Adjournment

Mr. Woodard made a motion to adjourn. Mr. McNutt seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.



Mike Schuler, Board Chairman