

The Deaf Smith County Hospital District Board of Directors met in a regular monthly meeting on Thursday August 25, 2022 at 5:30 pm in the Board Room of Hereford Regional Medical Center.

Directors present: Tanner Black, Becky Bridwell, Kevin Bunch, Mike Schueler, and Chris Woodard

Other attendees: Jeff Barnhart, CEO; Paul Gafford, CFO; Candice Smith, CNO; Jodi Jordan, Admin Asst.; Dr. Trevor Rohm, Medical Director; Jim Steiert, Hereford Brand.

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 invitation.

2. Public Comment

No public comments.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Woodard made a motion to approve the June 30, 2022 board minutes. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Bridwell. Motion carried.

4. Chief Financial Officers Report

Review and approve financial statements and statistical reported for period ending June 30, 2022.

Mr. Gafford presented the financial statements and statistical reports related to income, expenses, and budgeted operations for the periods ending June 30, 2022. For the month, the district's operating expenses exceeded operating revenues for the month and June 2022 reflects an operating loss of \$866.5k. Non-operating revenue of \$492.65 brings the net loss to \$376.9k for the month. Mr. Black made a motion to accept June 2022 financials as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Bridwell. Motion carried.

Add Paul Gafford, CFO to signature cards for First Bank Southwest and First Financial Bank and Remove Javier Vallejo, previous CFO.

Mr. Woodard made a motion to add Paul Gafford, CFO to First Bank Southwest and First Financial Bank Signature Cards and remove Javier Vallejo from all signature cards. The motion was seconded by Mr. Black. The motion carried.

Review preliminary 2022-2023 Deaf Smith County Hospital District Budget

The 2022-2023 preliminary budget was presented by Mr. Gafford for review. The review and discussed the updated budget. Mr. Bunch made a motion to approve the preliminary 2022-2023 budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Bridwell. The motion carried.

Review and record vote on Deaf Smith County Hospital District proposed tax rate.

Mr. Gafford presented the tax rates and the increase being proposed. There was discussion regarding the tax base and rates from last year and the current year. The proposed rate would be 0.303808. Mr. Woodard made the following motion on the proposed tax rates M&O 0.218722 and the motion was seconded by Mrs. Bridwell. Mrs. Bridwell made the following motion on the proposed tax rate I&S 0.085086 and the motion was seconded by Mr. Black. Voting for the

proposed tax rates: Tanner Black, Becky Bridwell, Kevin Bunch, Mike Schueler and Chris Woodard. Cynthia Cooper and Carla Purcella were absent. Both motions carried.

5. Chief Executive Officers Report

Physician Recruitment

Mr. Barnhart updated the board on physician recruitment. He continues working with a recruiting company to recruit a Family Practice/Obstetrics physician. He has two perspective family practitioners that will be interviewed in the next couple of weeks.

Hospital/Clinic connector corridor project

Mr. Barnhart updated the board that the project was wrapping up. This involves finalizing paperwork with the architect and State.

6. Chief Nursing Officer Report – Mrs. Smith

Mrs. Smith updated the board that our staffing shortage is still an issue, but it is improving. We have three Filipino nurses interested in coming to work here. We continue to have drug shortages but hopefully this will also improve. We've been approved to keep expired meds just in case of an emergency.

7. Medical Staff Report – Dr. Rohm

Dr. Rohm gave an update on statistics for the clinic and the hospital. We have slowed down over the last month or two. The district has decreased inpatients and our clinic/outpatient has increased. The summer months the district is typically slow across the district. We lost one of our PAs but added a new Family Medicine physician, Dr. Ashley Hawes.

Executive Session

At 5:53 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 6:25 pm, Mr. Woodard made a motion to reconvened in open session. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Bridwell.

The following action was taken:

Mr. Bunch made a motion to reappoint, appoint and voluntary resignation the following the following providers with exception of Olade:

Initial Appointment: Provisional – July 2022

Beamon, Richard, MD – Emergency Medicine

Hatch, Bill, DO – Emergency Medicine

Manchester, Cameron, MD – Radiology

Reappointment

Active Status

Davies, Tabitha, DO -FP/OB

Consulting Status

Sbar, Alan, MD – General Surgery

Allied Health Initial or Reappointment

Initial Appointment

Reappointment

Heiman, Jennifer, NP – Nurse Practitioner

Jansa, Carolyn, NP – Nurse Practitioner

Initial Appointment: Provisional – August 2022

Provisional Status

Donovitz, James, MD – Emergency Medicine (Red Flag)

Grow, James, DO – Emergency Medicine

Rivera, Servando, MD – Emergency Medicine

Mr. Woodard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Adjournment

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



Mike Schuler, Board Chairman