

MINUTES OF MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE JASPER HOSPITAL DISTRICT

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17TH, 2023

JASPER WELCOME CENTER

500 SOUTH WHEELER STREET

JASPER, TEXAS 75951

TIME CALLED TO ORDER 6:31PM

TIME ADJOURNED 8:00PM

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Dr. Ron McMurry at 6:31pm.

2. Establish a quorum

Quorum established. Directors McMurry, Norsworthy, Gilliland, Moore, Job, Harris, Ratcliff, and Gunter were present. Director Templeton was absent.

3. Prayer.

Opening prayer delivered by Director Job.

4. Public Comments

Robbye Davis addressed the Board regarding the declared surplus equipment from the old Dickerson Hospital site. Davis defined her charity and the work they were doing to send the surplus equipment to impoverished countries in Central and South America. A motion to allow Davis to proceed with obtaining the equipment for the stated purpose was made by Director Moore and seconded by Vice-President Norsworthy. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Approval of minutes from Jasper Hospital District Regular Meeting of Tuesday, December 20th, 2022

The minutes from the Jasper Hospital District Board meeting of Tuesday, December 20th, 2022 were presented. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Vice-President Norsworthy and seconded by Director Gilliland. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Secretary/Treasurer financial report

Secretary/Treasurer Gunter presented the financial report (attached to these minutes). Additionally, he provided an update on the proposed land purchase on Marvin Hancock Drive announcing a closing date of January 26th, 2023.

7. To discuss for possible consideration the payment of current bills.

Secretary/Treasurer Gunter presented the following bills to the Board:

Wathen, DeShong, and Junker (CPA – monthly charges) - \$1,806.43
Wathen, DeShong, and Junker (CPA – monthly charges for direct deposit to Terry Napper) - \$173.70
Germer, PLLC (Attorney) - \$1,905.14
City of Jasper (utilities – Dickerson Hospital) - \$824.63
Bobbie’s Bokay (Harold Kennedy service) - \$209.95
United Communications (EMS radio system) - \$6,810.00
Marcus’ Lawn Service – mowing - \$150.00
Ariel Digital – website - \$3,750.00
Jasper County Sheriff’s Office – Inmate health - \$125,000.00

A motion was made by Vice-President Norsworthy to pay the bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Gilliland. Director Ratcliff questioned the Germer, PLLC invoice and his questions were addressed by Secretary/Treasurer Gunter. There was no further discussion. The motion passed on a vote of 7-0 with Director Ratcliff abstaining.

8. Hospital District Administrator report (Napper)

None – Reserved for agenda items.

9. Christus Jasper Memorial Hospital Administrator report (Wayne Moore)

Administrator Moore was not present at the meeting. Director Harris reported that Christus Jasper Memorial Hospital was doing very well financially and had made a profit for each month in 2022. Director Harris also stated that several walls of the building were being waterproofed. She additionally stated that the new MRI machine is operational and that a new CT scanner was possible. Regarding the Kirbyville clinic she stated the building needs to be painted and the generator was never replaced.

10. To discuss for possible consideration the recruitment of physicians. (Dr. McMurry)

Dr. McMurry discussed various residency programs including a current resident at Baptist Hospital in Beaumont. Director Gilliland also discussed the need for Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants.

11. To discuss for possible consideration the implementation of a strategic long-term plan for the District. (Dr. McMurry)

Dr. McMurry discussed the definitive need for a strategic plan for the District and directed Terry Napper to present a plan to the Board in the near future for strategic planning.

12. To discuss for possible consideration a partnership for an LVN Program with Lamar State College Port Arthur, Deep East Texas College and Career Academy, and Jasper ISD to include a presentation by Dr. Stafford with LSCPA.

Dr. Stafford presented an informative presentation regarding a regional initiative by LSCPA and others to create an LVN program to benefit local health care facilities. No action was taken by the Board.

13. To discuss for possible consideration the continuation of providing financial assistance for inmate care at the Jasper County Law Enforcement Center. (Dr. McMurry/Sheriff Newman)

Chief Deputy Scott Duncan informed the Board that the existing agreement in place for 2022 allowing the Board to provide financial support for inmate health care expired on December 31st, 2022. Chief Deputy Duncan requested that the Board continue the funding in the amount of \$125,000 annually in order for the inmates to receive the health care they need. A motion was made by Director Moore to continue funding at the requested \$125,000 annually with payment immediately in one annual payment. The motion was seconded by Vice-President Norsworthy. The motion passed unanimously.

14. To discuss for possible consideration the approval of the costs and award of contract for creation of a District website to include emails and website support. (Napper)

Hospital District Administrator Terry Napper presented a spreadsheet containing information from vendors competing to create and maintain a District website. The proposed vendors are as follows:

Go Daddy
Ruston Johnson
Ariel Digital Solutions

Administrator Napper recommended Ariel Digital Solutions as the preferred vendor with a build fee of \$7,500.00. Additional fees are applicable dependent upon options chosen. See spreadsheet attached to these minutes.

A motion was made by Vice-President Norsworthy to award bid to Ariel Digital Solutions. The motion was seconded by Director Job. During discussions, Director Ratcliff expressed concern and questioned the need for a website for the District. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 7-1 with Director Ratcliff being the only nay vote.

15. To discuss for possible consideration the re-negotiation of the lease of property on RR 255 to Complete Health Care Services. (Job/Norsworthy)

Secretary/Treasurer Gunter stated that the original two year lease to Complete Health Care Services for the clinic on 255 ended on October 30th, 2022. The lease provided for a series of 1 year renewals so long as the renewal option was exercised on or before August 1st of each year. The option period was not exercised by August 1st, 2022. Additionally Secretary/Treasurer Gunter stated that the lease was for the clinic building and included the entire 4.773 acre tract, which Complete Health Care Services did not need. Additionally it was noted that Complete Health Care Services provided financial data indicating they have continuously operated at a financial loss at this location.

A motion was made by Secretary/Treasurer Gunter to re-negotiate the lease with Complete Health Care Services, reducing the total acreage relevant to the lease. The motion was seconded by Vice-President Norsworthy. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 7-0 with Director Gilliland abstaining.

16. To discuss for possible consideration post abatement plans for the old Dickerson Hospital site. (Gunter)

This item was tabled.

17. To discuss for possible consideration the performance of routine maintenance on District owned facilities. (Gunter)

Secretary/Treasurer Gunter requested permission to be able to spend up to \$1,000 per occurrence for building maintenance on District buildings. Director Ratcliff stated that the Board had previously approved up to \$500 per occurrence without prior Board approval.

Secretary/Treasurer Gunter made a motion to increase the amount that could be spent without prior Board approval to \$1,000 per occurrence. The motion was seconded by Vice-President Norsworthy. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Ron McMurry

President

Date: _____

James Gunter

Secretary/Treasurer

Date: _____