

CUERO REGIONAL HOSPITAL  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

October 28, 2021

The Board of Directors of Cuero Regional Hospital held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, October 28, 2021, Cuero Regional Hospital, DeWitt County, Texas, at 5:30 P.M. The agenda was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

Board members present were:

John Frels, DDS, Chairman  
Mrs. Faye Sheppard, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Charles Papacek, Secretary  
Mr. Richard Wheeler, Member

Board members not present were:

Mrs. Cindy Sheppard, Member

Leadership members present were:

Mrs. Lynn Falcone, Chief Executive Officer  
Mrs. Alma Alexander, Chief Financial Officer  
Mrs. Denise McMahan, Assistant Administrator  
Mrs. Judy Krupala, Chief Nursing Officer  
Dr. Sheryl Harvey, Chief of Staff, entered at 5:32 p.m.  
Dr. David Hill, Chief Medical Officer, entered at 5:52 p.m.  
Mrs. Kathy Simon, Administrative Assistant

Guests present were: Miss Anna Noel, Cuero Record, Mr. Marc Strode, Methodist Healthcare System and Ms. Kristye Kahlich, community member

The Board Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

CALL TO  
ORDER

Community Input: None

COMMUNITY  
INPUT

Mr. Papacek moved, Mrs. Faye Sheppard seconded, to approve the minutes of the special called meeting on September 21, 2021, and the regular called meeting on September 23, 2021; the motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

The Chief Financial Officer's Financial Statement and Statistical Report were provided. The Chief Financial Officer spoke on hospital financials and on clinic financials. The reports were accepted as presented.

FINANCIAL/  
STATISTICAL

The quarterly investment report shows an increase in market value during the quarter of \$7,778,965.00 from \$38,550,333.00 to \$46,329,298.00. Mrs. Alexander noted that she is looking for investment opportunities. Mr. Papacek moved, Mr. Wheeler seconded, to accept the quarterly investment report as presented; motion carried unanimously.

QUARTERLY  
INV RPT

Mr. Papacek moved, Mr. Wheeler seconded, based upon the recommendation of Medical Staff, to approve the initial appointments (limited to the privileges delineated) as presented on the agenda for Sarah Mueller, CRNA, Anesthesia, Tariq Yousuf, MD, Cardiology-Telemedicine; the motion carried unanimously.

MEDICAL  
STAFF

There were no reappointments.

Mr. Papacek moved, Mrs. Faye Sheppard seconded, based upon the recommendation of Medical Staff, to approve requested additional privileges (limited to the privileges delineated) as presented on the agenda for Jennifer Gonzales, MD, Hospitalist; the motion carried unanimously. Dr. Walthall withdrew his request for additional privileges at this time.

The Marketing and Development Director's report was provided and consisted of a list of advertising and current events.

MARKETING

The Assistant Administrator's report on Quality/Safety, Finance, and Community was provided. Mrs. McMahan informed the board that one vacuum pump is down and that Mr. Caron is gathering pricing for a dual pump. If the bids come in, then an emergency board meeting may be called.

ASST. ADMIN.  
REPORT

The Chief Nursing Officer's report on Quality/Safety, People, Growth and Community was provided. Mrs. Krupala noted that Mr. Solis with our EMS department has received word that he was awarded \$100,000.00 towards a grant he had written for a new ambulance. He also received word that he received \$6,638.00 from the RAC organization.

CNO REPORT

Dr. Frels, at this time, read a letter from the University of Incarnate Word School of Osteopathic Medicine Scholarship and Awards Committee nominating Dr. Hill for a preceptor award for Excellence in Teaching - Rural Medicine.

UIW RECOGNIT

The Chief Executive Officer's report on Quality/Safety, People, Growth, Community and Clinic Operations was provided. Mrs. Falcone noted that a group had met with the Wood Agency regarding a new OB campaign. TORCH had invited Cuero Regional Hospital to join their clinically integrated network and administration was exploring that benefit. She stated that we had our Stroke Survey and that the surveyor was impressed and suggested we work toward becoming a Primary Stroke Center.

CEO REPORT

The Quality report was reviewed.

QUALITY

Compliance: Executive Session

COMPLIANCE

Committee Reports: Facilities Committee reported briefly on their discussion with the architects and Mrs. Faye Sheppard noted that a strategic planning meeting should be held to look at the overall planning of the facility and options.

COMMITTEE  
REPORT

Old Business:

The Chief Executive Officer and Senior Leadership Team explored additional options to

VACCINE



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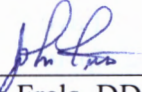
The Board exited Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. and reconvened in open session. There was no motion made.

Communications: None

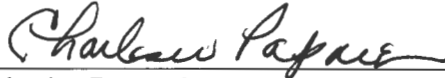
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There was no further business; Mr. Wheeler moved, Mr. Papacek seconded, to adjourn; the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

ADJOURN



John Frels, DDS, Chairman



Charles Papacek, Secretary

encourage staff that is not vaccinated to get vaccinated. Mrs. Falcone would like to see what is forthcoming from the federal vaccine mandate before moving forward and would call a meeting once those mandates are official. After further discussion, Mr. Papacek moved to again table the vaccine incentive at this time, Mrs. Faye Sheppard seconded; motion carried unanimously.

INCENTIVE

New Business:

The Chief Nursing Officer presented a capital expenditure request for new lawn mowers. A quote from Mower Superstore for \$9,799.00 was recommended. After discussion, Mrs. Faye Sheppard moved, Mr. Papacek seconded, to approve the capital expenditure purchase up to \$9,799.00 for new lawn mowers; motion carried unanimously.

CER NEW  
LAWN MOWER

The Chief Executive Officer presented an emergency approved capital expenditure request for exam table tops. A quote from Owens for \$11,018.84 was recommended. After discussion, Mr. Wheeler moved, Mrs. Faye Sheppard seconded, to approve the emergency approved capital expenditure purchase up to \$11,018.84 for exam table tops that were not included in last month's CER for the bases; motion carried unanimously. Dr. Frels emergently approved this item on October 12, 2021 due to these needing to go with the bases that were ordered.

CER EXAM  
TABLE TOPS

The Assistant Administrator presented a capital expenditure request for Automated Logic WebCTRL BAS Upgrade. A quote from Automated for \$39,160.00 was recommended. After discussion, Mr. Papacek moved, Mr. Wheeler seconded, to approve the capital expenditure purchase up to \$39,160.00 for Automated Logic WebCTRL BAS Upgrade; motion carried unanimously.

CER AUTOMAT  
LOGIC WEBCTF  
BAS UPGRADE

The Assistant Administrator presented a capital expenditure request for MicroScan Walkaway Analyzer. A quote from MicroScan for \$96,600.00 was recommended. After discussion, Mrs. Faye Sheppard moved, Mr. Wheeler seconded, to approve the capital expenditure purchase up to \$96,600.00 for MicroScan Walkaway Analyzer; motion carried unanimously.

CER MICROSCA  
ANALYZER

The Assistant Administrator presented a capital expenditure request for new blood culture incubator. A quote from BioMerieux for \$26,727.38 was recommended. After discussion, Mr. Wheeler moved, Mr. Papacek seconded, to approve the capital expenditure purchase up to \$26,727.38 for a new blood culture incubator; motion carried unanimously.

CER BLOOD  
CULTURE  
INCUBATOR

Board approval was requested for the Cuero Hospital Volunteers to host a jewelry show in the lobby of the hospital on November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021. After discussion, Mr. Papacek moved, Mr. Wheeler seconded, to approve the request for the Cuero Hospital Volunteers to host a jewelry show in the lobby of the hospital on November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021, as a fundraiser for the organization, motion carried unanimously.

CER VOLUNTEI  
JEWELRY SHOW

The Board of Directors of DeWitt Medical District, recessed into Executive Session at 6:38 p.m. The Closed Session is being held pursuant to Section 161.032 (b), of the Texas Health and Safety Code, Compliance Officer Report.

EXEC SESSION