

CUERO REGIONAL HOSPITAL  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 23, 2021

The Board of Directors of Cuero Regional Hospital held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, September 23, 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  
Mrs. Cindy Sheppard, Member, entered meeting at 5:45 p.m.  
Mr. Richard Wheeler, Member

Leadership members present were:

Mrs. Lynn Falcone, Chief Executive Officer, via conference call  
Mrs. Alma Alexander, Chief Financial Officer  
Mrs. Denise McMahan, Assistant Administrator  
Mrs. Judy Krupala, Chief Nursing Officer  
Dr. Sheryl Harvey, Chief of Staff, entered meeting at 5:40 p.m.  
Dr. David Hill, Chief Medical Officer  
Mrs. Kathy Simon, Administrative Assistant

Guests present were: Miss Anna Noel, Cuero Record, Mr. Marc Strode, Methodist Healthcare System

The Board Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

CALL TO  
ORDER

Community Input: None

COMMUNITY  
INPUT

Mr. Papacek moved, Mrs. Faye Sheppard seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular called meeting on August 26, 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

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 Vikram M Anand, MD, Pulmonary & Critical Care Telemedicine, Suzanne Ashley, FNP, Nephrology, Gautam Baskaran, MD, Pulmonary & Critical Care Telemedicine, Aimee P Carswell, MD, Radiology-Telemedicine, Hemant P Dand, MD, Pulmonary & Critical Care Telemedicine, Nabeel S Dar, MD, Radiology-Telemedicine, Saad S Farooqi, MD, Pulmonary & Critical Care Telemedicine, Kimber Foust, MD, Pulmonary &

MEDICAL  
STAFF

Critical Care Telemedicine, Pritam Ghosh, MD, Pulmonary & Critical Care Telemedicine, William C Haden, MD, Pulmonary & Critical Care Telemedicine, Dong H Kim, MD, Radiology-Telemedicine, Kristen B Koester, MD, Radiology – Telemedicine, Ryan F Leahy, DO, Radiology-Telemedicine, Fang Lu, MD, Radiology – Telemedicine, Marisa M Magana, MD, Pulmonary & Critical Care Telemedicine, Nooruddin S Punjwani, MD, Radiology On Site, Rob A Reed, MD, Radiology-Telemedicine, Zeeshan A Shah, MD, Radiology – Telemedicine, Eduardo Vadia, MD, Pulmonary & Critical Care Telemedicine, Michael D Venincasa, MD, Cardiology - Telemedicine; the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Papacek moved, Mrs. Faye Sheppard seconded, based upon the recommendation of Medical Staff, to approve the re-appointments (limited to the privileges delineated) as presented on the agenda for Alicia Bennett, DO, Neurology – Telemedicine, Shannon Casey, MD, Emergency Medicine, Ira Chang, MD, Neurology – Telemedicine, William Kevin Denton, DO, Family Practice, Christopher Fanale, MD, Neurology – Telemedicine, Christopher Gallagher, MD, Cardiology – Telemedicine, Mark E Johnson, MD, Emergency Medicine, Haresh Kumar, MD, Nephrology, Vinh-Quang Nguyen, MD, Emergency Medicine, Laura Pacek, PA, Family Practice w/Yorktown Medical, Nishi Patel, MD, Cardiology – Telemedicine, Justin Powell, DO, Hospitalist w/VEA & Emergency Medicine w/SWM, Umair Saeed, MD, Neurology – Telemedicine, Kenny Sam, DO, Radiology On Site, Byron Spencer, MD, Neurology – Telemedicine, Trent Twitero, MD, Orthopedic, Jeffrey Wagner, MD, Neurology – Telemedicine, Steven Zielinski, MD, Neurology, Brett Zimmerman, MD, Emergency Medicine; the motion carried unanimously.

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 noted the plumbing project is complete for now. She also stated the compliance audit has been submitted.

ASST. ADMIN.  
REPORT

The Chief Nursing Officer’s report on Quality/Safety, People, Growth and Community was provided. Mrs. Krupala was happy to report that there were no inpatient falls this month.

CNO REPORT

The Chief Executive Officer’s report on Quality/Safety, People, Growth, Community and Clinic Operations was provided. Mrs. Falcone noted that she was happy with the sepsis quality report. She also advised the board that Mrs. Jennifer Janssen and Mrs. Miranda Adams are graduating with their rural Chief Nursing Officer certifications. Mrs. Samantha Sutton is working on her rural Chief Financial Officer certification. She also noted four of our leaders are in the leadership training provided by Methodist Healthcare System.

CEO REPORT

The Quality report was reviewed.

QUALITY

Compliance: None.

COMPLIANCE

Committee Reports: None.

COMMITTEE  
REPORT

Old Business:

The Chief Executive Officer and Senior Leadership Team explored additional options to 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 with additional incentive options. After further discussion, Mrs. Faye Sheppard moved to table the vaccine incentive at this time, Mrs. Cindy Sheppard seconded; motion carried unanimously.

VACCINE  
INCENTIVE

New Business:

The Assistant Administrator presented an emergency approved capital expenditure request for a new courier vehicle. A quote from Partners for \$17,791.00 was recommended. After discussion, Mr. Papacek moved, Mrs. Cindy Sheppard seconded, to approve the capital expenditure purchase up to \$17,791.00 for a new courier vehicle; motion carried unanimously. Dr. Frels emergency approved this item on September 3, 2021 due to the lengthy delivery time of vehicles.

CER NEW  
COURIER  
VEHICLE

The Chief Executive Officer presented a capital expenditure request for exam room/patient room visitor chairs. A quote from DeWitt Poth for \$10,166.00 was recommended. After discussion, Mrs. Faye Sheppard moved, Mr. Papacek seconded, to approve the capital expenditure purchase up to \$10,166.00 for exam room/patient room visitor chairs; motion carried unanimously. This item is proposed to utilize COVID funding to help with infection control.

CER EXAM/PAT  
ROOM VISITOR  
CHAIRS

The Chief Executive Officer presented a capital expenditure request to purchase replacement exam tables. A quote from Owens for \$23,303.84 was recommended. After discussion, Mr. Papacek moved, Mr. Wheeler seconded, to approve the capital expenditure purchase up to \$23,303.84 for replacement exam tables; motion carried unanimously. This item is proposed to utilize COVID funding to help with infection control.

CER EXAM  
TABLES

The strategic plan, capital budget and operating budget were discussed during the September 21, 2021 Budget Workshop meeting. The Chief Financial Officer noted a few corrections to the clinic budget. After discussion, Mr. Wheeler moved, Mrs. Faye Sheppard seconded, to approve the proposed consolidated operating budget EBIDA as presented for FY2022 of \$11,222,814; motion carried unanimously. Mr. Wheeler moved, Mrs. Cindy Sheppard seconded, to approve the proposed capital budgets including major and routine capital as presented for FY22-24 and approved FY2022 of \$9,767,902; motion carried unanimously.


ANNUAL  
BUDGET


Communications: None

COMMUNICATI

There was no further business; Mr. Papacek moved, Mrs. Cindy Sheppard seconded, to adjourn; the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

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John Frels, DDS, Chairman

  
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Charles Papacek, Secretary