

CUERO REGIONAL HOSPITAL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 26, 2021

The Board of Directors of Cuero Regional Hospital held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, August 26, 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
Mr. Richard Wheeler, Member

Leadership members present were:

Mrs. Lynn Falcone, Chief Executive Officer
Mrs. Alma Alexander, Chief Financial Officer, via conference call
Mrs. Denise McMahan, Assistant Administrator
Mrs. Judy Krupala, Chief Nursing Officer
Dr. David Hill, Chief Medical Officer, joined after financial report
Mrs. Kathy Simon, Administrative Assistant

Guests present were: Miss Anna Noel, Cuero Record, Mrs. Samantha Sutton, Controller, and Mrs. Tamy Hackney, HR Director (joined around 5:32 p.m.)

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

CALL TO
ORDER

Community Input: None

COMMUNITY
INPUT

There were no community members present at the time of the tax hearing. Dr. Frels noted that the hearing was open for discussion and that the proposed property tax rate would be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of .28856, which is effectively an 11.12 percent increase in the tax rate.

NEW TAX RATE

After further review and discussion, Mr. Papacek moved, Mrs. Cindy Sheppard seconded, to hereby adopt the following tax rate for the tax year of 2021 by resolution: \$0.28856 on each \$100 valuation of all taxable property in the DeWitt Medical District.

ADOPT TAX
RATE

THE TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.

THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 11.12 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY

APPROXIMATELY \$28.76; the motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Cindy Sheppard, Mrs. Faye Sheppard, Mr. Charles Papacek and Mr. Richard Wheeler voted for the motion. Dr. John Frels was presiding officer and did not vote.

Mr. Papacek moved, Mrs. Cindy Sheppard seconded, to approve the minutes of the regular called meeting on July 29, 2021, and special called meeting on August 9, 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

There were no appointments or reappointments this month from Medical Staff.

MEDICAL
STAFF

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.

ASST. ADMIN.
REPORT

The Chief Nursing Officer's report on Quality/Safety, People, Growth and Community was provided.

CNO REPORT

The Chief Executive Officer's report on Quality/Safety, People, Growth, Community and Clinic Operations was provided. Mrs. Falcone added to her report that infection control and marketing members are working on a list for giving booster doses of the COVID-19 vaccine.

CEO REPORT

The Quality report was reviewed.

QUALITY

Compliance: Discussed in Executive Session.

COMPLIANCE

Committee Reports: None

COMMITTEE
REPORT

Old Business: None

New Business:

The amount disbursed for indigent care out-of-hospital expenses as of August 26, 2021, is approximately \$130,000.00. The program limit was \$100,000.00. The Chief Financial Officer made a request for the board to extend the program past the \$100,000.00 limit for this fiscal year. After discussion, Mr. Papacek moved, Mr. Wheeler seconded, to extend the indigent care program expenses an additional \$50,000.00 for this fiscal year, which will allow an additional \$20,000.00 to be used to complete the month of September; the motion carried unanimously.

EXT. INDIGENT
CARE PROGRAI

QUARTERLY Q
RISK MGMT RP

The Assistant Administrator reviewed the Quarterly QA/Risk Management/Safety Report. After discussion, Mr. Wheeler moved, Mr. Papacek seconded, to approve the Quarterly QA/Risk Management/Safety Report; the motion carried unanimously.

CER HANDHEL
PORTABLE
ULTRASOUND

The Chief Executive Officer presented a capital expenditure request for a hand-held portable ultrasound to be used to assess patients at Cuero Medical Clinic. A quote from GE Healthcare for \$5,798.50 was recommended. After discussion, Mrs. Faye Sheppard moved, Mrs. Cindy Sheppard seconded, to approve the capital expenditure purchase up to \$5,798.50 for a hand-held portable ultrasound to be used to assess patients at Cuero Medical Clinic; motion carried unanimously.

CER Mac 7 EKG
MACHINES

The Assistant Administrator presented a capital expenditure request for (3) GE Mac 7 EKG Machines. A quote from GE Healthcare for \$23,890.00 was recommended. After discussion, Mrs. Faye Sheppard moved, Mr. Papacek seconded, to approve the capital expenditure purchase up to \$23,890.00 for GE Mac 7 EKG Machines; motion carried unanimously.

CER FURNITUR
NEW BUSINESS
OFFICE SUITE

The Chief Executive Officer presented a capital expenditure request to purchase furniture for the new business office suite. A quote from Staples for \$31,387.80 was recommended. After discussion and noting that modular units were preferred, Mr. Wheeler moved, Mrs. Cindy Sheppard seconded, that the CEO should seek an additional quote for the same type of modular furniture as requested in the Staples quote from another vendor and that the capital expenditure purchase is approved, but should not exceed the \$31,387.80 quote for the purchase of furniture for the new business office suite; motion carried unanimously.

CER PB980
VENTILATOR

The Assistant Administrator presented a capital expenditure request for a PB980 Ventilator for Cardiopulmonary. A quote from Covidien for \$36,236.50 was recommended. This item was discussed out of cycle with Dr. Frels, Board Chairman, in order to support the COVID surge. Dr. Frels approved the emergency purchase on August 12, 2021. The Cuero Hospital Volunteers approved funding this purchase at their August 9, 2021 Executive Board meeting. After discussion, Mr. Papacek moved, Mrs. Cindy Sheppard seconded, to approve the out of cycle capital expenditure purchase up to \$36,236.50 for a PB980 Ventilator for Cardiopulmonary; motion carried unanimously.

2022 STBTC
BLOOD DRIVES

The Administrative Assistant, presented dates for approval to use the education classroom for the 2022 South Texas Blood and Tissue Center blood drives. These will be held the fourth Thursday of the month on a quarterly basis beginning January 20, 2022. Mrs. Faye Sheppard moved, Mrs. Cindy Sheppard seconded, to approve the use of the education classroom for the South Texas Blood and Tissue Center Quarterly Blood Drives; motion carried unanimously.

HEALTH INS
COV UNVAC
EMP

The Board discussed health insurance coverage for COVID in the unvaccinated employee. Mrs. Faye Sheppard discussed the potential cost associated with COVID cases of the unvaccinated, especially how it pertains to our insurance coverage/cost if the unvaccinated

individual is an employee. Mrs. Cindy Sheppard discussed additional options that could be offered as incentives to get more employees to get vaccinated, this could include paid days off. After further discussion, Mrs. Cindy Sheppard moved, Mrs. Faye Sheppard seconded, to have the CEO and senior leadership examine additional options to encourage staff that are not vaccinated to get vaccinated; the motion carried unanimously.

EXEC SESSION

The Board entered Executive Session at 6:44 p.m. under Texas Government Code Section 161.032 (b). Compliance Officer Report.


The Board exited Executive Session at 6:49 p.m. No Action followed.

COMMUNICATI

Communications: The board reviewed the minutes from the Cuero Hospital Volunteers and DeWitt Medical Foundation meetings.

ADJOURN

There was no further business; Mr. Papacek moved, Mr. Wheeler seconded, to adjourn; the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.



John Hrels, DDS, Chairman



Charles Papacek, Secretary