

A regular meeting of the North Wheeler County Hospital District Board was held at the hospital at 6 p.m. on January 27, 2025.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pam Hibler, Chairman
Marla Ford, Vice-Chairman
Janie VanZandt, Secreta
Meghan Reid, Member

MEMBER ABSENT: Ken Daughtry, Member

OTHERS PRESENT: Cecil Gaither, CEO; Jace Henderson, CFO; Skye Lane, NWCEMS Department Head; Mandy Meadows, DON.

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND PRAYER:** Pam Hibler, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. with a prayer offered by Jace Henderson.
2. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - a. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** December 16, 2024
 - b. **Payment of bills**
 - c. **Investments**
 - d. **QAPI**
 - e. **Date of next meeting: February 17, 2025**

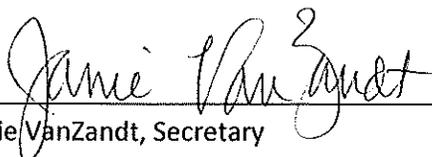
Marla Ford made a motion to accept the items on the Consent Agenda. Meghan Reid seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.
3. **EMS REPORT:** Skye Lane's report stated that all three trucks are running and stocked. They continue to train in-house and online. Dr. Wesley Nickens has accepted the role of Medical Director for North Wheeler County EMS. Skye wrote new protocols for hypertensive emergencies, another vasoconstrictor drug, and an RSI which have been approved by Dr. Nickens and have been added to the other protocols. Skye reported that she will be using the yearly RAC money to subscribe to FOAMfrat which offers continuing education, recertification requirements for national and state, and is CAPCE accredited. It will offer courses in advanced airway and ventilator management. Joseph Davis is the new paramedic hired to fill the open position. NWCEMS responded to thirty-two calls in December.
4. **CNO REPORT:** Mandy Meadows reported that nursing staffing is currently adequate. The administrative RN nurse is still filling in when a shift needs to be covered. The RN nursing staff will start recertification courses required for our trauma designation. Randi Blackstock has assumed the role of Pediatric Champion for our Pediatric Readiness Program which will be surveyed January 30, 2025. She has spent much time learning and preparing for this program which is much appreciated. Mandy is busy doing public relations to promote our Skilled Nursing Services with teams at BSA AND NWTH.
5. **FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND STATISTICS:** Jace and the board reviewed the balance sheet and the operating/income statement with the board. Questions were asked by the board.

- a. **Palo Duro G&P Suit Update** – Jace Henderson has not heard any more about the lawsuit situation.
 - b. **Billing:** Alexandria Aguilara has been hired in the Business Office Registration. She has some billing and coding experience.
 - c. **Health Insurance:** The hospital has transitioned to Healthsure who uses 90 Degree (third party administrator) for Parkview’s hospital insurance benefits. Things are going very well, and Healthsure is very responsive.
 - d. **CD Rates:** Wellington Bank is offering 4.18% on CD’s. Jace is holding off tying up monies into CDs at this time.
- 6. APPROVE BAD DEBT -** No report.
- 7. OLD BUSINESS**
- a. **Assisted Living Signage:** Cecil is still searching for a source to make the signage for Assisted Living and the Emergency Room waiting room.
 - b. **Practitioner Recruitment:** One local Nurse Practitioner has indicated some interest in the position but has not submitted a resume.
 - c. **Medical Records:** Cecil called the board’s attention to the list of requests for medical records.
- 8. NEW BUSINESS:**
- a. **Renewal Privileges for Lisa Mahler, NP:** Pam Hibler signed the renewal privileges forms for Dr. Sandoval, Dr. Patel, and Dr. Moisant. Meghan Reid submitted her resignation letter to the board effective January 27, 2024, since she is moving to Missouri.
- 9. EXECUTIVE SESSION :** None.
- 10. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
- 11. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be on Monday, February 17, 2025, at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pam Hibler, Chairman



Jamie VanZandt, Secretary