

A regular meeting of the North Wheeler County Hospital District Board was held at the hospital at 6 p.m. on November 18, 2024.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Cecil Gaither, CEO; Jace Henderson, CFO

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND PRAYER:** Pam Hibler, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with a prayer offered by Ken Daughtry.
2. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - a. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** October 21, 2024
 - b. **Payment of bills**
 - c. **Investments**
 - d. **QAPI**
 - e. **Date of next meeting: December 16, 2024,**
Ken Daughtry made a motion to accept the items on the Consent Agenda. Janie VanZandt seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.
3. **EMS REPORT:** Skye Lane's report stated that all three trucks are running and stocked. Dr. Wesley Nickens will be the new Medical Control Doctor for North and South Wheeler County Ambulance Services. Skye and Sudie Galmor (South Wheeler County Ambulance) will meet with him this week. Skye has written new protocols to be implemented with current protocols, including an emergency hypertensive protocol, an RSI protocol, and putting Norepinephrine pm the trucks. They continue to train in-house and online. The EMS is fully staffed and continues to be involved in community service. They responded to thirty-two calls in October.
4. **CNO REPORT:** No report.
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** – They plan to appeal. The lawsuit in Canadian started today.
 - b. **Christmas Bonus:** The bonus is in the budget. \$300 for full-time, \$150 for part-time.
 - c. **Health Insurance:** Healthsure will be using 90 Degree (third party administrator) for Parkview's hospital insurance benefits. Fidelity will provide stop/loss. This will save us \$120,000.
 - d. **CMS Settlement:** The hospital district will pay Medicare back \$420,741 in November 2024.
 - e. **2022 Uncompensated Care:** The hospital district was overpaid \$200,000 which will be paid back.

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.

8. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Christmas Party:** Instead of a traditional Christmas party on December 12th, Home Health, Radiology, and the Rural Health Clinic are planning for refreshments throughout the day and drawing prizes throughout the day. Maintenance is making a large prize for the drawing.
- b. **Charity Care Policy:** Pam Hibler signed the annual approval for the charity care policy.
- c. **Practitioner Recruitment:** The search company is looking for a nurse practitioner. Kimberly Clark will work at the clinic through January 14, 2025.
- d. **CAH overview:** A copy of the annual report is in the board packet.
- e. **RHC look back:** Cecil, Jace, and the hospital board reviewed the financial performance of the Rural Health Clinic for the past nine years (2016-2024).

9. **EXECUTIVE SESSION :** None.

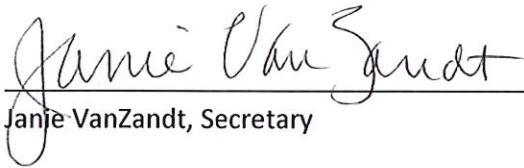
10. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

11. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be on Monday, December 16, 2024, at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pam Hibler, Chairman



Jamie VanZandt, Secretary