

A regular meeting of the North Wheeler County Hospital District Board was held at the hospital at 6 p.m. on July 17, 2023.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pam Hibler, Chairman
Marla Ford, Vice-Chairman (by telephone)
Janie VanZandt, Secretary
Ken Daughtery, Member
Zane Zybach, Member

OTHERS PRESENT: Cecil Gaither, CEO; Skye Lane, EMS

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND PRAYER:** Pam Hibler, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. with a prayer offered by Zane Zybach.
2. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - a. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** May 15, 2023
 - b. **Patient census** – Ken Daughtery made a motion to simplify the patient census report that is given to the board by including the front and back summary pages and the department page and to receive it quarterly. Marla Ford seconded the motion; vote was unanimous.
 - c. **Payment of bills**
 - d. **Investments** -Currently, there is one CD at Happy State Bank and one at Wellington State Bank totaling \$1,140,355.13.
 - e. **QAPI** -Certain aspects of the report were discussed.
 - f. **Date of next meeting: August 21, 2023**
Janie VanZandt made a motion to accept the items on the Consent Agenda. Ken Daughtery seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.
3. **EMS REPORT:** Skye Lane reported that Medic 3 is at Ware's for possible alternator issues. The battery in the suburban is going bad. It must be jumped off and will not hold a charge. In house and online training continues. The EMT Basic class is nearing completion. A trauma day with the class will also involve the WVFD, MVFD, and the old Mobeetie school. NWCEMS sent one MICU ambulance to Perryton to assist with disaster relief. Also, a strike team to Perryton. All shifts are fully staffed. The team responded to thirty-six calls in June.
4. **CNO REPORT:**
 - a. **Nurse Staffing:** Cecil Gaither reported that staffing is all good.
 - b. **EMR Progress:** No report.
5. **FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND STATISTICS:** Cecil 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** – No update.
 - b. **WSB Deposit Rates** - Jace accepted the variable rate of 5.5% for the next quarter. Then we will stay with the variable rate for the next two quarters.
 - c. **Optimization meeting in Lubbock** - Jace Henderson is currently attending the meeting related to the whole business side of the hospital.
6. **APPROVE BAD DEBT** - No report.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Discuss Dr. Paul Elangwe** - Dr Elangwe has repaid \$5000 of his sign-on bonus for June.
- b. **First Responders Agreement** - Cecil has talked to Robert Spurr at our lawyer's office about drawing up an agreement.

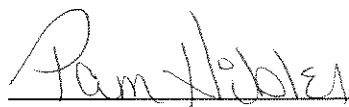
8. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **TORCH CIN (clinically integrated network)** : Cecil met with Signify who will be managing traditional Medicare patients at the clinic through phone calls.
- b. **Insurance Services update:** Charles Quisenberry, Employee Health Insurance Services, has sold part of his business, but is still furnishing our hospital employee insurance.
- c. **Physician Privileges:** Pam Hibler signed credentialing papers for three doctors: Dr. Patel, Dr. Dwyer, and Dr. Ekong for the Emergency Room.
- d. **Fire Inspection:** Cecil presented the corrected Fire Inspection report to the board. All infractions have been corrected.
- e. **Trauma Survey:** The survey on July 12 & 13 went well. Parkview Hospital is a Level 4 trauma designation. Cecil stated that the CEO training class is exceptionally good. The Telemedicine system at the ER is being utilized a lot more. Cecil stated that the judge asked us to pay for inmates' health care, but Cecil declined because that is the county's responsibility. Dr. Evans has all charts completed. Kim Parker passed away, but the Medical Records office is functioning well. Lucretia Davis officially retired from Radiology.

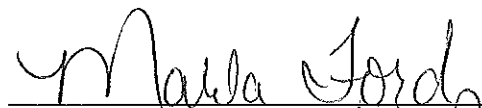
9. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be on Monday, August 21, 2023, at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pam Hibler, Chairman



Janie VanZandt, Secretary

Vice President

