

A regular meeting of the North Wheeler County Hospital District Board was held at the hospital at 5:00 p.m. On August 21, 2023.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pam Hibler, Chairman
Marla Ford, Vice-Chairman
Ken Daughtry, Member
Zane Zybach, Member

MEMBERS ABSENT: Janie Vanzandt, Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT: Cecil Gaither, CEO; Jace Henderson, CFO; Skye Lane, EMS and Mandy Meadows, DON

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: July 17, 2023
- b. Patient census
- c. Payment of bills
- d. Investments
- e. QUAPI-Certain aspects of the report were discussed.
- f. Date of the next meeting: September 18, 2023

Zane Zybach made a motion to accept the items on the Consent Agenda. Ken Daughtry seconded the motion: the vote was unanimous.

3. **EMS Report:** Skye Lane reported the suburban will not start. It was working two weeks ago then would not drive over 5 mph. She does not feel like there is a need for this vehicle and considering all the trouble they are having with it and expense, she would like to sell it. The Board suggested she get it repaired, running and list it for sale. Skye reported the EMS had received a grand total of \$16,766.32 for their staff, truck and fuel at Perryton, TX after tornado. They will profit \$11,062.00 of that amount. The Trauma Day was a successful day of training for all involved. EMS is hiring a PRN paramedic, Jasmine Rose from Pampa, TX and also one of the new EMTs Tanner Cadra to be available to fill in as needed. The NWCEMS had 25 calls in July.

4. **CNO REPORT:**

- a. **Nurse Staffing-** Mandy Meadows reported that staffing is good and hospital is fully covered. A new RN has been hired. Emily Quarles will be full time working the night shift. Janet Hanson had been to Rural Trauma Development by Texas Tech Department of Surgery on August 19th in Wellington, TX. The hospital also had 3 RNs', Randi Blackstock, Bobbie McGuire and Whitney Walden attend a Performing PIC Lines/Midlines school in Oklahoma City, OK
- b. Cecil discussed salaries for Aids', CNAs', LVNs' and RNs'. Discussion by board and Cecil were of the opinion if salaries are raised then hospital will need to cut back on staff. He and Mandy will gather information for a spreadsheet to be discussed at their next

meeting. The spreadsheet will show comparisons of other hospital salaries plus will include the mileage, holiday pay and insurance that is paid for our employees.

5. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND STATEMENTS STATISTICS

- a. **Palo Duro G&P Suit Update**-They are adding 2023 to lawsuit. If there is a settlement they will charge fees.
- b. **Audit**-Jace is waiting for results. It all looked good but he will update Board when he knows more.
- c. **Optimization update**-We are not only ones unhappy with system issues. Jace feels like new people seem to be more knowledgeable and working to make improvements on billing.
- d. **Adopt NNR Tax Rate**-This year's proposed Tax rate: .340812. This year's proposed M&O tax rate .049610. Totaling .390422. Ken made the motion to adopt the new rate and Zane seconded the motion. All in favor, 3 members present and one member absent. The tax rate will stay the same.

6. APPROVE BAD DEBT-No report

7. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **First Responders Agreement**-Attorney is still working on Agreement.

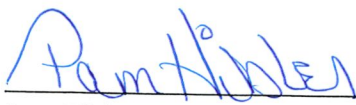
8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **TORCH CIN UPDATE**-They will be here this week to do Physician Training for Main Street to pair patients with correct programs to meet their needs.
- b. **Ultrasound training**-Board voted for Peyton Leffew to attend an Ultrasound training in California to become Certified, that way the hospital can do in house Ultrasounds. Cost of class will be \$6500.00 plus travel and expenses for the week. Total cost will be around \$10,000.00. Board discussed and Ken made the motion that we will ask Peyton to sign a two year contract with Parkview Hospital. Zane seconded with all in favor.
- c. **Physician Recruitment**- Board discussed the interview we had with Afshin Edrissi, D.O. He is currently in his last year of training and actively exploring practice opportunities. He is willing to relocate his family to Wheeler. It was decided that we would like to continue interviews.
- d. **Board self-assessment**-Board thinks we need to wait a year since we have new board members. Tabled till next year.

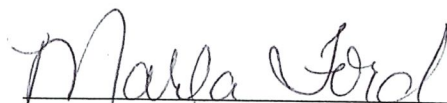
9. PUBLIC COMMENT-None

ADJOURNMENT-The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be on Monday, September 18, 2023

Respectfully submitted,



Pam Hibler, Chairman



Marla Ford, Vice Chairman