

**Hamilton County Hospital District
Board Meeting Minutes
August 28, 2023**

Presiding: Neil Muxworthy

Board members in attendance: Neil Muxworthy, Robert Witzsche, Doug Forrest, Mike Collett

Others Present: Grady Hooper, Chief Executive Officer; Melissa DeLaGarza, Chief Operating Officer; Debbie Martin, Chief Nursing Officer; Tracey Karasek, Chief Administrative Officer; Tammy Schreiber, Chief Financial Officer; Chad Reinert, Director of Information Technology; Jordyn Powers, Recording Board Secretary; Maria Weaver, Hamilton-Herald News

Date and time: Monday, August 28, 2023, 10:00a.m., Hamilton General Hospital Board Room, 400 N Brown St, Hamilton, Texas 76531

Call to order: Muxworthy called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.

Citizen comments: There were none.

Consider and act on minutes of August 11, 2023 regular called meeting: Witzsche moved, Forrest seconded approval on August 11, 2023 regular called meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Consider and act on new bank account and signers on account with MCBank for Central Texas Healthcare Services: Schreiber stated Hico Physical Therapy clinic will need a local account for their deposits. Collett moved, Forrest seconded approval on new bank account and signers Grady Hooper, Melissa DeLaGarza, Tammy Schreiber, and Debbie Martin on account with MCBank for Central Texas Healthcare Services. Motion carried.

Consider and act on FY 2024 Budget Presentation: Schreiber presented the budget presentation. The budget theme is "In Transition" due to changing EMRs to Oracle Cerner. For FY 24 budget \$2.09 million net income is projected. FY22 actual net income was \$9 million which included covid funding. Estimated \$3.2 million for 2023 net income. Projected patient volumes remain flat, we increased prices by 3% on billed services, and improved collections from 33% to 34%. QIPP revenue is now at 70/30 split for most homes. Total operating at \$72 million. Salaries are expected to increase by 3%. There is a 5% increase in supplies. There will be dual software fees for Medhost and Cerner since we are not moving all patient information to the new Cerner system, and we will need to keep patient chart review/audits. We increased repair expenses due to ambulances' life expectancy. Expecting \$22K in investments from income on our investments. FTE is listed by the department and is projected at 401 FTE's, an increase of 11 FTEs for open positions. Capital budget requests, do not guarantee purchase, will have to go through proper channels before requests are approved. Forrest moved, Collett seconded approval on FY 2024 Budget Presentation. Motion carried.

Adopt proposed tax rate and schedule any public hearings: Hooper relayed the No New Revenue of 0.100151 and Voter Approved Rate of 0.108726. \$913K for No New Revenue, and \$991K if you go to the Roll Back Rate. Witzsche moved, Forrest seconded approval on No New Revenue of 0.100151. Motion carried.

Consider and act on HGH Medical Staff appointments: Witzsche moved, Collett seconded approval on HGH Medical Staff appointments. Motion carried.

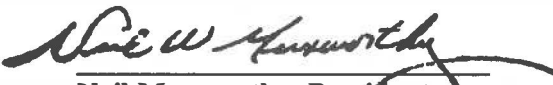
Consider and act on rejecting all bids and negotiations for Mills County Specialty Clinic building project: Hooper said Bounds, the low bidder, was unable to reduce costs further but we want to change the project's scope. Collett moved, Forrest seconded approval on rejecting all bids and negotiations for Mills County Specialty Clinic building project. Motion carried.

Consider and act on moving forward with building renovations in Mills County for physical therapy and fitness: DeLaGarza stated we will utilize the building for physical therapy and fitness center while continuing to lease the building for the eye clinic. Physical therapy is currently in the McMahan Pharmacy building. Witzsche moved, Collett seconded approval on moving forward with building renovations in Mills County for physical therapy and fitness. Motion carried.

Consider and act on lease space in Hico: Hooper said we are looking to have a fitness center in Hico which can also be utilized for physical therapy, will lease the building next to physical therapy with adjoining door. After hours there will be access via key fob for patients/members. Witzsche moved, Forrest seconded approval on lease space in Hico. Motion carried.

Administrator Report: Hooper and the board discussed the possible purchase of a pharmacy. EMS building for Mills County is almost move in ready, around October 1st. Laundry building will start after specialty building bids start, but the machines will need to be purchased soon. We have donated to the Dove Festival, and we will have our own booth. We are still finalizing plans for wellness lab panels and a cancer screening panel. Pricing is still being determined with the Lab Director. Chad Reinert stated Oracle Cerner's go-live will be moving to early 2024 due to the trainings being postponed or moved. Melissa DeLaGarza relayed Hico PT is seeing patients and will have a September 15th ribbon cutting. The domestic water storage has started to get work done on site. Brown Street parking lot just needs asphalt put down. The security door upgrade team is meeting again this week.

Adjourn: Witzsche moved, Forrest seconded at 11:17am that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.


Neil Muxworthy, President
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