

MONTGOMERY COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
BOARD MEETING
Meeting Location: MCMH Conference Center
Zoom option available.
April 26, 2023

PRESENT

Trustees	Kevin Cabbage, Chair	Lorin Petersen, Trustee (present via Zoom)	James Norris, Treasurer
	Ann Carder, Secretary (arrived at 8:03 AM)	Roger Ehmke, Trustee	Jason Poston, Trustee
	Jill Bergstrom, Vice Chair		

Administration	Ron Kloewer, Chief Executive Officer	Mike O'Neal, Chief Operating Officer
	Bryant Blay, Chief Financial Officer	Krystalle Fada, Chief Nurse Executive
	Kylie Bowen, Administrative Services Manager	

Staff	Pete Wemhoff, Administrative Director of Support Services (present via Zoom); Phyllis Drake, Administrative Director of Patient Diagnostics & Ancillary Care (present via Zoom); Gale Bingham, HR Generalist (present via Zoom); Shauna Bozwell, Clinic Manager (present via Zoom); Tim Werges, Controller (present via Zoom, arrived in person at 8:56 AM) Sara Orme, Pharmacist (arrived at 9:14 AM), Molly Miner, Pharmacist (arrived at 9:14 AM)
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Medical Staff	Dr. William Butz (left at 8:36 AM)
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Public Visitors	N/A
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Montgomery County Board of Supervisors	Charla Schmid (present via Zoom)
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Absent	N/A
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CALL TO ORDER

Kevin Cabbage, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:02 AM at Montgomery County Memorial Hospital (MCMH) in the Conference Center. A Zoom option was available for those who wished to attend virtually.

RECOGNITION OF QUORUM

Kevin Cabbage recognized that all trustees were present with the exception of Ann Carder who had not arrived. Ann arrived at 8:03 AM.

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda was presented for consideration by the Board of Trustees. It consisted of the minutes from the Board of Trustees meeting held on March 29, 2023 and also the Closed Session minutes from March 29, 2023, policies and the following provider appointments: Claudia Balta, PA-C; Aaron Benner, MD; Brian Couse, MD; Michael Del Core, MD; Sara Fill, PA-C;

Monjari Gillian, MD; Craig Hansen, MD; Rebecca Rose, MD; J. Christopher Shehan, MD; Joan Smith, ARNP; Jake Vrdoljak, MD; Fang Yu, MD; Michael Stojanovic, MD.

A motion by Roger Ehmke, seconded by Jill Bergstrom, to approve the consent agenda as presented was passed unanimously.

VISITOR COMMENTS

There were no visitor comments.

MEDICAL STAFF REPORTS

Dr. William Butz reported that the Medical Staff meeting took place last week.

Dr. Butz noted that the Medical Staff is excited about the newly hired physicians and providers for the Hospitalist and Emergency Department (ED) programs.

Ron Kloewer reported that three ED physicians have signed employment contracts. Two are currently working in the MCMH Emergency Department through Wapiti. The third will start in early May. MCMH will likely retain and employ Leah Rowell, PA-C, who is currently working at MCMH, through Wapiti, to help fill in gaps in the schedule.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Chief Executive Officer – Ron Kloewer

Report printed in the Meeting Book.

Ron reported that he sent a letter to the Mayor of Red Oak and the Red Oak City Council about the MidAmerican franchise fees that are currently being discussed. The letter states that imposing franchise fees on MCMH may in turn cause MCMH to raise the hospital's county tax levy, which would unfairly pass the Red Oak "tax" onto the residents of the entire county. Ron believes that the school district and county government also face a similar position. The city may defer the franchise fee discussions and decision until a City Administrator can be hired. The city is currently in the process of filling that position.

PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX ASKING BUDGET FOR ENSUING FISCAL YEAR

At 8:19 AM Jill Bergstrom made a motion to opening the public hearing to discuss the Tax Asking Budget for the Ensuing Fiscal Year. James Norris seconded the motion; motion carried.

Bryant Blay, CFO, noted that the tax asking process had to be re-published due to the change in valuation that occurred throughout the state. Bryant noted that Option A was published, which would keep the tax asking total dollars received the same as the previous fiscal year. By publishing Option A, that allows for the board to approve the previous year's tax levy rate, or a tax levy at a lower rate than the published rate. The Finance Committee recommends Option B, which would keep the tax levy rate the same as the previous fiscal year.

James Norris made a motion to approve Option B, which sets the tax asking levy rate at \$3.0646, for the ensuing fiscal year. Lorin Petersen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public hearing closed at 8:24 AM.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS, continued.

Chief Operating Officer – Mike O’Neal

Report printed in the Meeting Book.

Mike noted that the new Malvern Medical Clinic sustained damage to the roof during the recent storms; the roof will likely need replaced. The former clinic building did not sustain significant damage; the building is currently listed for sale.

Chief Financial Officer – Bryant Blay

Report printed in the Meeting Book.

The Cerner Reference Site Program is going well. MCMH has had a couple of reference calls and has one site visit request as well.

Bryant noted that an interim cost report was filed. The filing was a requirement of the 340B/Rural Health Clinic (RHC) application process for the Villisca Medical Clinic. The filing also showed an underpayment of approximately \$865,000 for the current fiscal year, in relation to the inpatient services that MCMH provides. The interim cost report has been filed with WPS, MCMH’s Medicare intermediary, with MCMH requesting a settlement of 80% of the underpayment. MCMH should receive payment in 1-2 weeks.

Bryant reported that the budget process has begun, which includes meetings with department managers to review their budgets for the upcoming fiscal year.

Bryant then gave an update on the acquisition of the Methodist Physicians Clinic – Red Oak clinic. He noted that attorneys are working on final edits to the purchase agreement and an internal team is working on the data migration process. The target Go Live date is mid-July.

Chief Nurse Executive-Krystalle Fada

Report printed in the Meeting Book.

Krystalle reported that MCMH participated in the PRC National Nursing Survey earlier this year. The results have been delivered; MCMH has a call scheduled with PRC to better understand the data. Results will be disseminated following the call.

The Community Relations department met with discharge planners at facilities in Omaha to talk with them about services that MCMH offers. Three facilities asked MCMH to come back to present a lunch and learn with more information.

Krystalle noted that Clarinda Regional Health Center (CRHR) will no longer be able to provide wound care services to MCMH. We are looking to hire our own wound care nurse.

QUARTERLY REPORTS

Compliance: Bryant Blay noted that no incidents were reported.

Investment Update: Bryant Blay reported that CD investments are doing well with the recently increased interest rates.

Information Security: The quarterly meeting was held with a report presented of security updates, education and testing procedures.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Cash Disbursements

A motion by James Norris, seconded by Jason Poston, to approve the accounts payable cash disbursements in the amount of \$1,715,727, which excludes any potential conflict of interest items, was passed unanimously.

A motion by James Norris, seconded by Ann Carder, to approve the potential conflict of interest payment to FMTC in the amount of \$5,953, was unanimously approved, with Kevin Cabbage abstaining.

RESOLUTION FOR USDA COMMUNITY FACILITIES GRANT PROGRAM

Tim Werges, Controller, presented a request to apply for USDA grant funds to assist with the purchase of x-ray equipment for the Villisca Medical Clinic. The grant will provide approximately \$50,000, which covers roughly half of the cost of the equipment.

James Norris made a motion to adopt the resolution authorizing the application for USDA grant funds. Jill Bergstrom seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR X-RAY GRANT APPLICATION FOR VILLISCA MEDICAL CLINIC

Tim Werges requested to set a public hearing for the USDA grant application which will assist with the purchase of x-ray equipment for the Villisca Medical Clinic.

Ann Carder made a motion to set the public hearing for May 31, 2023 at 8:15 AM in the Conference Center. Roger Ehmke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

STANTON CHILD RESOURCE CENTER REQUEST

Ron Kloewer, CEO, presented a fundraising request from the Stanton Child Resource Center (SCRC), a child care center located in Montgomery County, who is building a replacement facility. Chair Kevin Cabbage stated that he serves on the board for SCRC so he will abstain from any action items. MCMH has a history of and legal basis to support child care centers due to the essential service that they provide to MCMH employees, making it an important factor in retaining and recruiting staff. In most recent history, the MCMH Foundation supported the Red Oak Child Development Center. It was noted that future requests of similar nature may come to the Hospital Board.

A recommendation was made by Administration to sponsor the Health Room in the new Stanton facility, with a contribution of \$50,000, to be paid over five years in increments of \$10,000 per year. Jill made a motion to approve the recommended contribution of \$50,000 as the sponsor of the Health Room. Lorin Petersen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with Kevin Cabbage abstaining.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board Committee Reports

Critical Access Hospital Review – (Roger Ehmke & Jill Bergstrom)-N/A

Foundation – (Ann Carder & James Norris)-The committee is looking at online donation/payment options.

IHA Legislative – (James Norris)-N/A

IT Governance – (Kevin Cabbage)-The report is included in the Meeting Book.

Patient Experience – (Lorin Petersen & Jason Poston)-N/A

Quality Patient Safety – (Jill Bergstrom & Roger Ehmke)-N/A

Community Relations Governance – (Ann Carder & Jill Bergstrom)-N/A

OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Kevin Cabbage noted that the next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for May 31, 2023.

STRATEGIC DISCUSSION

Ron Kloewer, CEO, made a request to go into Closed Session as provided for by Section 21.5(1)(l), "to discuss patient care quality and process improvement initiatives in a meeting of a public hospital or to discuss marketing and pricing strategies or similar proprietary information in a meeting of a public hospital, where public disclosure of such information would harm such a hospital's competitive position when no public purpose would be served by public disclosure." Roger Ehmke made a motion to go into Closed Session. James Norris seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken- Roger Ehmke, yes; James Norris, yes; Jill Bergstrom, yes; Jason Poston, yes; Ann Carder, yes; Lorin Petersen, yes, Kevin Cabbage, yes. The meeting was moved into Closed Session at 9:34 AM.

The meeting was returned to Open Session at 10:51 AM. No action was taken.

ADJOURN

Ann Carder made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chair Kevin Cabbage adjourned the meeting at 10:52 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Ann Carder, Sec.