

**REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
NACOGDOCHES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
December 21, 2023 @ 5:15 P.M.**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lisa King, President
Sean Hightower, Vice-President
John McLaren, Secretary
Justin B. Sowell
Wesley McKnight
David Schaefer
John Sparks

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Lynn Lindsey, Administrator
Rhonda McCabe, COA
Ella B. Nobles, Operations Manager
Wade Blake, EMS Manager
Michelle McCollum, Project Manager
Scott Skelton, Legal Counsel

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Lisa King called the regularly scheduled board meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Sean Hightower motioned to approve the November 30, 2023, board minutes as presented, seconded by Justin Sowell. The motion carried.
- III. **CITIZENS COMMUNICATION:** The Citizen's Communications list included - Wade Blake and Anne Ellis. Both citizens expressed their concerns regarding the current issues.
- IV. **AUXILIARY REPORT: Beth Anson-** Ms. Anson, auxiliary president, gave an updated report on the auxiliary. At the last meeting, the auxiliary agreed to award three \$2,000 scholarships for the spring and \$10,000 to the EMS to purchase a side-by-side. Ms. Anson also reported the gift shops would not continue employee payroll deduction until further notice due to non-payment from Lion Star.

- V. FACILITIES UPDATE & IMPROVEMENTS: Michelle McCollum-** Ms. McCollum reported some improvements that the Hospital District has provided to the hospital to ensure safety. In 2023, the Hospital District replaced 338 obsolete smoke detectors located on the old side of the facility to maintain life safety in the event of a fire. After a hydraulic leak, the Cath Lab elevator # 5 bottom cylinder was replaced to resume operations. Also, elevator # 3 was upgraded, and elevator #4 is pending repair due to parts.

The Bomar Rehabilitation nurse call system was repaired.

A Siemens Building Management System was purchased for the building automation system to replace the 1998 existing system, which has reached the end of its life. This system monitors and provides notification alarms for the cooling and heating plants, valve boxes, and mechanical rooms in the event of failure. In November, Siemens requested and is waiting for the Lion Star IT Dept. and Plant Operations to provide the server and data drops for each required panel.

The district purchased a new water heater needed on the 4th-floor penthouse, and Lion Star later requested the District pay for the installation, which has been completed.

The columns in the cafeteria dining room need replacement and could pose a safety hazard. Replacement was scheduled to begin on December 18, 2023; however, the job has been delayed due to Lion Star's non-payment to the contractor for previous services provided.

In 2024, the County Hospital District wants to expand the EMS Services to serve our community better. The Cushing Clinic has been relocated and will be remodeled to house EMS staff to cover the north market area.

- VI. AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Wade Blake-** Mr. Blake presented the Ambulance Committee's November report. Mr. Blake reported 22 major accidents, ER sick calls, 164, eight long-distance transfers, and 19 routine transfers, totaling 213 runs for Memorial Hospital.

In addition, Medical Center had eight major accidents, 203 ER sick calls, three long-distance transfers, and 61 routine transfers, totaling 275 runs for Medical Center.

Mr. Blake also reported other local transfers without transporting victims (200) and stand-by of other agencies (17).

Mr. Blake mentioned that the two new ambulances will arrive at the end of December.

VII. ACTION AND PURCHASE REQUESTS

- A. Draft Audit Report FY2022: Danielle Zimmerman-** Motion made by Sean Hightower to approve audit as presented. Seconded by John McLaren. Motion carried.

- B. Results of Operations: Lynn Lindsey-** Ms. Lindsey presented the Results of Operations to the Board—A motion to approve was made by Sean Hightower and seconded by Justin Sowell. Motion carried.

VIII. EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- A. Administrator Report / Board Calendar**
- B. Board Calendar as follows:**

- Strategic Committee meeting Tuesday, January 9, 2024 @ noon.
- Finance & Facility meeting Thursday, January 18,2024 @ 1:30 p.m.
- Regular Board meeting Tuesday, January 23, 2024, @ 5:15 p.m.

IX. CONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- Consult with legal counsel regarding pending or contemplated litigation under Tex. Govt. Code §551.071
- Deliberate the Appointment, Employment, and Duties of an Employee under Tex. Govt. Code §551.074
- Deliberation of the provision of healthcare services under Tex. Govt.§ Code 551.085

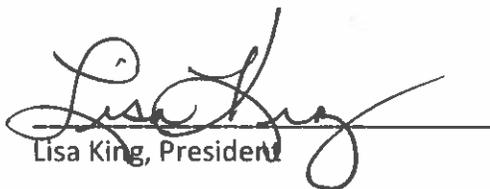
X. Regular Board Meeting Adjourned: @ 5:57 p.m.

XI. Executive Session @ 5:58 p.m.

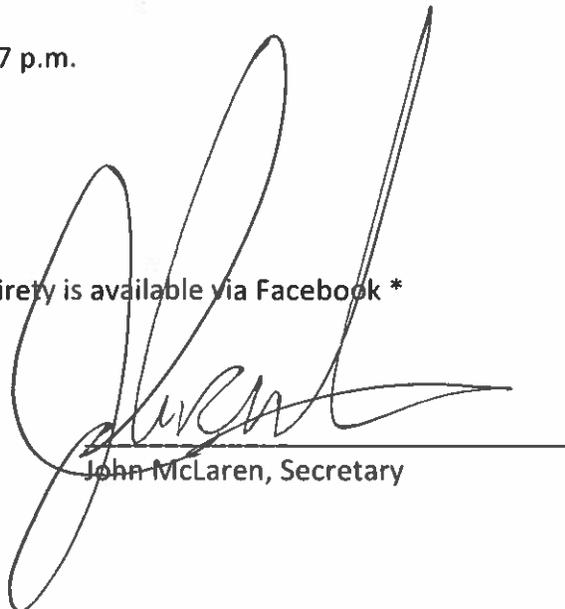
XII. Return to Open Session @ 6:10 p.m.

XIII. Adjourned @ 6:11 p.m.

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Lisa King, President



John McLaren, Secretary