

**LLANO COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY**  
**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**  
**AUGUST 25, 2020**

The following members attended the meeting:

President: Bob Wallace

Vice President: Pat McDowell

Secretary: Charles Miller

Treasurer: David Willmann

Bob Shafer

Jay Ward

David Hoerster, MD

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1. President Bob Wallace called the meeting to order at 3:02PM.
  2. A quorum was established with all members in attendance.
  3. Upon a motion by Charles Miller and a second from Pat McDowell, the agenda was unanimously adopted. [Bob Wallace advised, as an accommodation to Mr. Nate Tudor, Item 8. B., will be discussed before item 8. A.]
  4. The Minutes of the July 21, 2020 meeting and the August 17, 2020 workshop were approved unanimously upon a motion by Pat McDowell and a second by Bob Shafer.
  5. Recognition of Visitors for Public Comment: None
  6. Reports:  
None.
  7. Old Business  
None.
  8. New Business
    - A. Discussion of BSW support for the application of Critical Access Hospital designation.  
Mr. Tim Ols, President, BSWH Hill Country Region, informed the board that BSWH is working closely with Llano County officials and MidCoast Health Systems of El Campo to complete the application for Critical Access Hospital designation and is reviewing drafts of transition documents if CAH is approved. This process usually takes twelve months to complete and we have until December 31, 2020 to accomplish the task. The “due diligence” required by 38 regulatory agencies is very demanding. The four-month timeframe is even more so. BSWH has a dedicated team working on this project.
    - B. Interest of El Campo Hospital in operating Llano Hospital.  
Board member David Willmann introduced Nate Tudor, CEO of MidCoast Health Systems who operate hospitals in El Campo and Palacios, Texas. Mr. Tudor stated the MCHS operates two hospitals and fifteen rural health clinics. They are passionate about providing quality rural health services and think Llano County Hospital can be a good fit for them. He stressed the CAH designation for Llano Hospital is a must for it to be viable going forward, and it must be in

place by December 31, 2020. The CAH application must be filed by September 1, 2020, which BSWH is committed to do, as well as a survey of the facility to accompany the application. Bob Shafer asked about electronic medical records compatibility. Mr. Tudor was optimistic, but said an evaluation of systems is part of the demanding transition process. Pat McDowell added that MCHS has demonstrated a strong "can do" approach to making this effort a success.

C. Approval of committee report to county for recommendation of EMS provider.

Bob Wallace provided a synopsis of the attached committee report and recommendation to select Hamilton County Hospital EMS as the EMS provider for Llano County. The recommendation was unanimously approved on a motion by Pat McDowell and a second by Bob Shafer.

9. Executive Session

None.

10. Discussion and/or Action on Information Received in Agenda Item 9.

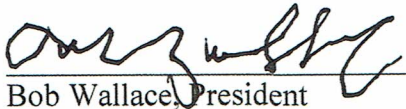
None.


11. No date was proposed for the next meeting. The LCHA will evaluate developments regarding the CAH application and the transition activities regarding the EMS provider. Public notice will be given when the next meeting date has been determined.

12. Possible Agenda items for the next meeting include:

None.

13. A motion to adjourn was unanimously approved on a motion by David Hoerster, seconded by Pat McDowell at 3:28PM.

  
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Bob Wallace, President

  
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Charles Miller, Secretary