LLANO COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING JUNE 16, 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

- 1. President Bob Wallace called the meeting to order at 3:12PM.
- 2. A quorum was established with all members in attendance.
- 3. Upon a motion by Charles Miller and a second from David Hoerster, the agenda was unanimously adopted.
- 4. The Minutes of the May 28, 2020 meeting were approved unanimously upon a motion by David Willmann and a second by David Hoerster.
- 5. Recognition of Visitors for Public Comment: There were no visitors signed in for comments.
- 6. Reports:

A. Treasurer – As of May 31, 2020, the balance of our account was \$137,301.95.

7. Old Business - None

8. New Business

A. Bob Wallace reported that four EMS/ambulance services are being evaluated: Marble Falls, which is a not-for-profit operation; Hamilton, TX which is operated by its certified Critical Access Hospital; Global Medical Resources which is active in many states and BS&W which is the current provider for Llano County. Evaluation is continuing, as all operators have provided many useful facts to consider.

B. Dr. David Hoerster reported that five hospitals have been engaged for exploratory discussions. The Brady Hospital has been very helpful sharing its experience and urged us to seek Critical Access Hospital certification. The Hamilton Hospital has provided good insights during several meetings, but he believes that it is unlikely that operating the Llano ER/Hospital will be appealing to them. Ascension Seton has held one meeting with the committee, and is exploring its interest with other senior executives. Another meeting was held with Hill Country Memorial Hospital. It appears unlikely that interest in the Llano Hospital will be forthcoming. Following an initial meeting with Community Hospital Corp. not further interest by it has developed. The committee will continue to see if St. David's Hospital will enter into discussions.

- C. The board is cautiously open to holding the next meeting in-person, depending upon the status of the COVID-19 situation, which will be reviewed on or after July 5.
- 9. At 3:30PM, Bob Wallace announced that an Executive Session of the board would commence as authorized by the Texas Government Code SEC. 551.001 et seq[Texas Open Meetings Act]
- 10. At 4:20PM the regular public meeting was resumed. There were no actions to take regarding discussions in the Executive Session.
- 11. A date of July 21, 2020 at 3:00PM was agreed upon for the next regular meeting of the board.
- 12. Possible Agenda items for the next meeting include:
 - A. Discussion with Judge Cunningham regarding the status of our evaluations.
 - B. Update on EMS/ambulance options.
 - C. Update on various hospital's interest in assuming operation in Llano.
 - D. Status of Critical Access Hospital certification.

13. A motion to adjourn was unanimously approved on a motion by Charles Miller, seconded by Bob Shafer at 4:53PM.

Bob Wallace, President

Charles Miller, Secretary