

**LEWIS COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 1
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' SPECIAL MEETING**

February 9, 2015 at 8:00 a.m.
Morton General Hospital
Conference Room 1

MINUTES

PRESENT: Commissioner Marc Fisher, Secretary Kenton Smith, Board Chair Sheri Hendricks, Commissioner Judy Ramsey, Commissioner Ross Jones via phone and Superintendent Seth Whitmer.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Hendricks called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session began at 8:02 a.m. for forty five minutes to review a public employee. At 8:45 a.m. the board came out of executive session. No decisions were made.

Exit Conference: Angela Folkers and Olivia Crouch attended the board meeting to discuss the exit conference done by the WA State Auditor's Office. Angela talked about the audit and what it entailed. Angela reviewed over the schedule of audit findings and responses. Board Chair Hendricks asked if the board has received these recommendations before now. Angela confirmed that the deficiencies were not of this level of detail. Angela included in the documentation the District's Response letter, which the auditors appreciated and recognize that the District is committed to ongoing quality improvement and working to improve its internal controls.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board Chair Hendricks announced they would go into Executive Session again at 9:30 a.m. for twenty minutes to review a public employee. At 9:50 a.m. Board Chair Hendricks extended it for another 10 minutes. At 10:10 a.m. Board Chair Hendricks asked Superintendent Seth Whitmer to join them in executive session for 15 minutes. The board concluded executive session at 10:25 a.m. No decisions were made.

Board Chair Hendricks suspended the special board meeting until 2:45 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 3:00 p.m. Superintendent Whitmer was unable to attend due to illness.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 15-06: Commissioner Ramsey read aloud Resolution 15-06 that was prepared by the hospital's attorney, Bradley Berg. Ron Hulscher confirmed that Bradley Berg comes highly recommended. The Commissioners reviewed through the payment schedule and discussed concerns. Commissioner Fisher questioned how much should we keep in the special fund account and Ron Hulscher recommended six months. Commissioner Ross expressed concern about making \$80,000 payments in two years, as it more than the Healthland payments. The goal is we anticipate recuperating the funds from Medicare. The District needs the financial assistance, as the hospital does not have the cash flow to do it alone. Ron Hulscher recommends that it's a good agreement for the District. Once the proceeds are received from Medicare, we will allocate those funds towards the Cerner debt or if there is a more pressing need we will put those funds towards those areas in the future. Resolution 14-33 will be repealed.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve **Resolution 15-06** and Commissioner Fisher

seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Chair Hendricks requested a five minutes break.

The board returned to open session at 3:52 p.m.

Strategic Path: The Commissioners reviewed through the final version of the Strategic Path. Board Chair Hendricks proposed creating a tool to measure the status of Strategic Priorities. Also, the Commissioners want to keep the other identified needs outside of these five as future priorities. The hospitals COO, Brian Williams suggested producing a cut sheet to gauge progress. Commissioner Fisher made a motion to adopt the Strategic Path and Secretary Smith seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Campbell's Resort: Reservations are confirmed and expenses will be covered by the hospital.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Fisher moved and Commissioner Ramsey seconded to adjourn the meeting at 4:12 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Kenton Smith
Board Secretary