

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

January 6, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.  
Morton General Hospital  
Upstairs Conference Room

**MINUTES**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair Hendricks called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Executive Session began at 4:00 p.m. for two hours. No decisions were made.

The Board returned to open session at 6:15 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS – Fire and Cemetery District Tax Levy Buyout**

Introductions were made by the board, along with the fire districts and cemetery attendees. Dianne Dorey presented the following information:

The best case scenario is for the hospital to buy out the three Fire Districts #14, #17 and #18. If no buyout takes place, there will be pro-rationing due to TCA 741, where the Fire Department will lose about \$2,236.38, the hospital will lose about \$75,525.21 and the cemetery will lose about \$36,169.08.

In order for the hospital to have full levy capacity, they will need to buy out Fire District #14 for \$25,004.19, Fire District #17 for \$601.00 and Fire District #18 for \$5,826.76. There is no reason to involve the Cemetery District, unless the Hospital District elects to not do buyouts. The hospital district would have to buy out the cemetery district in addition to a portion of the Fire Districts if they don't focus on just the Fire Districts and it would end up being a lot more than the \$31,431.95 with just the Fire Districts.

Meeting notices were posted and someone from every party has someone taking minutes. The hospital decided to buy out Fire District #14, Fire District #17 and Fire District 18; however, the hospital did not buy out the Cemetery District.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve **Resolution 15-01** to buy out Fire District #14 and Commissioner Fisher seconded. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve **Resolution 15-02** to buy out Fire District #17 and Commissioner Fisher seconded. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve **Resolution 15-03** to buy out Fire District #18 and Commissioner Fisher seconded. The board decided to not buy out the Cemetery District, so **Resolution 15-04** was not signed. The motion was passed unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

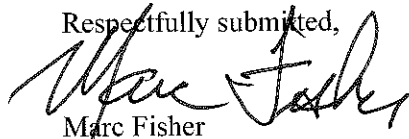
Executive Session began at 7:20 p.m. for thirty minutes to review a public employee. The board discussed their support in Superintendent Whitmer. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve their vote of confidence in Superintendent Whitmer and Commissioner Ramsey seconded. The motion passed unanimously. No decisions were made.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Commissioner Jones moved and Commissioner Smith seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marc Fisher". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "M".

Marc Fisher  
Board Secretary