

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

March 11, 2015 at 10:30 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 and Superintendent Seth Whitmer.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Hendricks called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

READING OF THE NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Board Chair Hendricks read the special meeting notice.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board Chair Hendricks announced they would go into Executive Session at 10:30 a.m. for 15 minutes to review the performance of a public employee. At 10:45 a.m. Secretary Smith extended it for 20 minutes. The board concluded executive session at 11:05 a.m.

No decisions were made.

ACTION

The board returned to open session at 11:05 a.m. Commissioner Fisher made a motion to terminate Superintendent Whitmer today without cause, as per the employment contract. Commissioner Ramsey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board Chair Hendricks announced they would go into Executive Session at 11:10 a.m. for 20 minutes to review the performance of a public employee. The board concluded executive session at 11:30 a.m.

No decisions were made.

The board returned to open session at 11:30 a.m. and announced the following:

The Hospital met on March 11, 2015 to consider the termination of Seth Whitmer, CEO of Morton General Hospital and Lewis County Hospital District 1. Until further notice all CEO decisions, contracts, and hospital business will be administered by Kevin McCurry, MD. (The board will immediately begin a search for an interim CEO. This search will be guided by the Phase 1, emergency phase, of the CEO succession plan.)

Note: This emergency meeting may continue for as long as 30 days and from time to time the chairperson of the board may put this meeting into continuance as conditions require.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board Chair Hendricks announced they would go into Executive Session at 11:45 a.m. for 45 minutes. At 12:30 p.m. Board Chair Hendricks extended for 30 minutes. At 1:00 p.m. Board Chair Hendricks extended it for 30 minutes. The board concluded executive session at 1:30 p.m.

No decisions were made.

The board returned to open session at 1:30 p.m. and announced they would send out a press release to the newspapers.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Ramsey moved and Commissioner Jones seconded to adjourn the meeting at 1:35 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenton Smith". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "K" and a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kenton Smith
Board Secretary