

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

April 29, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.
Morton General Hospital
Conference Room

MINUTES

PRESENT: Board Chair Sheri Hendricks, Secretary Marc Fisher, Commissioner Kenton Smith, Commissioner Judy Ramsey and Commissioner Ross Jones

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Hendricks called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Superintendent DeArth gave a report of the last two quarters when the volumes had dropped. He said they looked at comparisons to other like-sized hospitals in the collaborative to try and identify areas where the hospital may be able to save costs. The total savings would be \$900,000 and this does not include a reduction in Acute Care. They have been following the low census plan for the Acute Care. Tim said they are losing an average of \$50,000 per month. Ron summarized the plan and areas of possible savings.

When asked, Ron said the plan for this implementation would be in the next two weeks.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:38 a.m. the Board went into Executive Session to discuss the performance of a public employee for twenty minutes. At 10:00 a.m. the board extended executive session for fifteen minutes. At 10:15 a.m., the board extended for another twenty minutes. At 10:35 a.m. the board extended executive session for an additional fifteen minutes. At 10:50 a.m. the board extended for fifteen minutes. At 11:05 a.m. the board extended the meeting for an additional fifteen minutes. The board came out of executive session at 11:20. No decisions were made.

Board Chair Hendricks read a resignation letter from Superintendent Ron DeArth to be effective today. Commissioner Jones moved and Commissioner Smith seconded to accept the letter. The motion passed unanimously. The board thanked Ron for his time as CEO at Morton Hospital.

Commissioner Jones moved that Tim act as temporary CEO. Secretary Fisher seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

A date was set for May 1, at 2:00 for a special board meeting to discuss the CEO Succession Plan.

Secretary Fisher moved and Commissioner Jones seconded to cancel the Chelan Conference for the board. The motion passed unanimously.

Secretary Fisher moved and Commissioner Ramsey seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:32 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc Fisher,
Board Secretary

