

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING  
SPECIAL MEETING  
Curtis C. Erickson Conference Room – Phillips County Hospital  
Thursday, November 1, 2018, 6:00 pm**

**Board Members Present:**

Stanley Kats	Stan Robb
Jayne Holle	Jessie Wyrill
Ruth Hackerott	Hazel Ames
Vicki Constable	
Kelly Roe (via Teleconference)	

**Staff Present:**

Rex Walk, Interim CEO	Krystal Schwenn, CFO
Codi Cox, Patient Account Manager	Donna Winchell, HIM Director
Rhonda Kellerman, Clinic Administrator	Rebecca Flora, Materials Management
Sonya Aiken, Human Resources/Payroll	Theresa Hughes, Board Recorder

**Community Present:**

Board Attorney Frankie Forbes, John A. Beim, Tad Felts

Chairman Stanley Kats called the Board of Trustees' meeting to order at 6:07 pm in the Curtis C. Erickson conference room at the Phillips County Hospital.

**Public Comment:** None.

**REPORTS:**

**1. OCTOBER REVENUE:** Rex Walk briefly updated the Board on October's revenue. October closed at over \$1,000,000 averaging \$27k per day.

**FINANCIAL SERVICES:**

**1. Supply Chain:** Rex discussed a few key concerns regarding the split from GPHA before getting into the proposals from companies looking for a relationship with PCHS for financial services. The current GPO contract with Vizient will not be affected by terminating the GPHA agreement, and supply chain is secure. Items not on contract will see an increase as PCHS is moved to tier one. However, Rex is in contact with larger facilities to access better pricing on those items.

**2. Benefits:** The benefits package that employees currently access will not change as long as the Midwest Health Systems agreement stays in place.

**3. Management Agreement:** The current consensus is there is no need to rush into a management agreement with another company. All involved feel it may not be necessary moving forward to have one.

**4. Financial Services Proposals:** Krystal Schwenn, Codi Cox and members of the PCHS staff have spent an enormous amount of time determining which areas and services will need to be backfilled with the split from GPHA. Several companies were given the criteria, and Rex Walk went through the three proposals received to date from Lutz, Cohesive Healthcare and HealthTech. Rex also discussed possible relationships with larger health systems, Kearney Regional Medical Center, Kearney Good Samaritan, Hays Med Center, and KU Medical Center.

After an extensive discussion, it was determined Cohesive Healthcare did not meet the full criteria PCHS is looking for, and HealthTech is almost double in fees to GPHA. Lutz provided the most comprehensive proposal. Stan Kats asked if the Board would like to have any of the representatives from the companies to attend the next Board meeting to discuss their proposals in further detail, Vicki Constable felt it was premature to have anyone attend. Rex Walk would like to give some other companies the opportunity to get their bids in as well. Stan Robb suggested reaching out to the larger hospitals Rex had mentioned to see what collaboration opportunities are available.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. New Dishwasher:** Nick Kennedy discussed the ongoing issues with the dishwasher in the dietary department and brought a proposal to the Board for a comparable replacement. The current machine was installed in 1996 with a 15-year life expectancy. At 22 years old it is breaking down more often, and dishes are being washed by hand. The expense of keeping it running is becoming unfeasible. The cost of a comparable replacement is \$29.4k. The Board has asked for a detailed proposal and look into any grant options to help offset the cost.

Kelly Roe made a motion to modify the financial snapshot on the September meeting minutes to reflect the correct August Financial Report. Under Liabilities, it lists Accounts Receivable which should read Accounts Payable. Vicki Constable seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

#### **4. Upcoming Board Meetings:**

**a.** Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 6:00 pm – Meeting to discuss the competing companies and their bids for PCHS financial services.

**b.** Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 6:00 pm – Regular monthly Board of Trustees Meeting.

The meetings will be in the Curtis Erickson Conference Room on the main floor of Phillips County Hospital.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 8:41 pm Hazel Ames moved that the meeting adjourn; seconded by Stan Robb. Motion carried 7-0. Meeting adjourned.

Secretary Hazel Ames

Recorder [Signature]