

**MINUTES FROM THE SPECIAL MEETING
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL OF SWEETWATER COUNTY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

June 15, 2020

The Board of Trustees of Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater County met in a special meeting via Zoom on June 15, 2020, at 4:00 PM with Mr. Taylor Jones, President, presiding.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Jones called the meeting to order and announced there was a quorum. The following Trustees were present online: Mr. Taylor Jones, Mr. Marty Kelsey, Mr. Richard Mathey, Dr. Barbara Sowada, and Mr. Ed Tardoni

Officially present: Ms. Irene Richardson, Chief Executive Officer, and Mr. Jeff Smith, Board of County Commissioners Liaison

AGENDA

The motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Mr. Mathey; second by Mr. Tardoni. Motion carried.

COVID RELIEF FUNDS FROM SLIB

Mr. Jones said Ms. Richardson has some proposals and we need to be ready to act. He said it is a little unorthodox to do this the way we are doing this but in light of circumstances, we need to meet to discuss options. Ms. Richardson said we received emergency rules the legislators passed for application for grant funds. We have been getting a little bit of confusion on what we can apply for and what we can't. She referenced information she sent to the Board regarding only eligible capital construction for Covid-related projects. Ms. Richardson said she met with Incident Command and stakeholders to ask what is the best use of funds. In talking to the Wyoming Hospital Association, we were given direction to apply for capital funds even though the rules say the money has to be expended by December 30. The CARES Act has all of the eligible information. Ms. Richardson reviewed the following list of projects:

- HVAC System
- Outpatient Lab
- Operating Room Renovations
- Mobile Lab Station
- Payroll Expenses

Ms. Richardson said we need some direction from the Board. Funds are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Mr. Jones asked if there is a priority to the list. Ms. Richardson said HVAC is first, Lab is second, Operating Room is third, Mobile Lab is fourth, and Payroll Expenses are fifth. Mr. Tardoni made it clear that the rules state capital will not be considered. He discussed the timelines and said not only are we told it is not allowed, it also extends past the deadline. Ms. Richardson said we want to show the situation and if anything changes, we are ready with approval to submit. Mr. Jones said his personal experience has shown things are moving quickly and things continue to change. Mr. Jim Horan, Facilities Director, reviewed the projects.

The motion to authorize the CEO to submit the mobile lab request as discussed was made by Mr. Tardoni, second by Mr. Mathey. Motion carried.

Mr. Jones noted the emergency resolution approved by the Board is still in place and there is no expiration date. Mr. Kelsey asked staff to look for any project that is Covid-related that is not capital. Ms. Richardson asked Mr. Smith if the County plans to apply. He said he is not aware of any applications from the County. Mr. Mathey said he thinks we need both the Hospital and the County named on the applications.

Mr. Mathey left the meeting at 4:43 PM.

The motion to authorize the CEO to submit the Emergency Department and Triage expenses as discussed was made by Mr. Tardoni, second by Dr. Sowada. Motion carried.

The motion to authorize the CEO to submit the lab renovation and addition as discussed was made by Mr. Tardoni; second by Mr. Kelsey. Motion carried.

The motion to authorize the CEO to submit the operating room upgrade as discussed was made by Mr. Tardoni; second by Dr. Sowada. Motion carried.

The motion to approve the outbreak resiliency upgrades as appropriate as discussed was made by Dr. Sowada; second by Mr. Kelsey. Motion carried with Mr. Tardoni voting against.

Mr. Jones noted anything under \$500,000 has the go-ahead for Ms. Richardson. He reinforced she has to have some flexibility especially now. Ms. Richardson thanked the Board. She also thanked Ms. Tiffany Marshall, Foundation Executive Director, for doing an amazing job of getting the applications ready.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:58 PM.

Mr. Taylor Jones, President

Attest:

Mr. Ed Tardoni, Secretary