

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

August 14, 2023

The Board of Trustees of Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater County met in a special meeting via Zoom on August 14, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. with Dr. Barbara Sowada, President, presiding.

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Sowada called the meeting to order and announced there was a quorum. The following Trustees were present online at the call to order: Mr. Marty Kelsey, Ms. Kandi Pendleton, Mr. Craig Rood, and Dr. Barbara Sowada.

Officially present during the meeting: Ms. Irene Richardson, Chief Executive Officer; Mr. Geoff Phillips, Legal Counsel; Mr. Robb Slaughter, County Commissioner; and Mr. Taylor Jones, County Commissioner.

**2023 BUDGET AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE SWEETWATER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AND THE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL OF SWEETWATER COUNTY**

Ms. Richardson said Commissioner Slaughter approached us with an agreement about the way the County would pay the component units and they wanted it signed by their August 15 meeting. We looked at the agreement and feel we are a little bit different in the way we do things because we are governed by statute. We had several meetings to make sure we can still abide by the statute and do what the Commissioners want to do moving forward. Mr. Phillips drafted a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and it appears it will accomplish what we need to do regarding maintenance funds and Title 25 funds. It is an annual agreement and we will need to bring this forward each year. Mr. Phillips thanked Commissioners Slaughter and Jones for coming together with us and working toward a compromise. He expressed appreciation to Dr. Sowada for her leadership. Mr. Phillips said Ms. Richardson and Ms. Tami Love, Chief Financial Officer, were instrumental in putting this together. Commissioner Slaughter said this is not on the August 15 agenda. There was discussion of the MOU and a letter from Mr. Phillips. Commissioner Slaughter said he thinks the MOU addresses the issues we have been looking at and said he will review with Mr. John DeLeon with the County Attorney's office. It was noted if Title 25 costs are higher than planned, the Hospital could come to the Commissioners with an amendment, which is the same process we have been following. The motion to approve the 2023-2024 MOU as presented was made by Mr. Kelsey; second by Ms. Pendleton. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 a.m.

Dr. Barbara Sowada, President

Attest:

Ms. Kandi Pendleton, Secretary