# MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING MEMORIAL HOSPITAL OF SWEETWATER COUNTY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 7, 2017

The Board of Trustees of Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater County met in regular session on June 7, 2017, at 2:00 PM with Mr. Richard Mathey, President, presiding.

## CALL TO ORDER

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

Officially present: Ms. Irene Richardson, CFO & Interim CEO; Dr. David Dansie, Medical Staff President; Mr. Jim Phillips, Legal Counsel; and Mr. John Kolb, Sweetwater Board of County Commissioners.

Mr. Mathey led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The motion to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2017, special meeting as presented was made by Mr. Scott; second by Mr. Ed Tardoni. Motion carried. The motion to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2017, regular meeting as presented was made by Dr. Sowada; second by Mr. Scott. Motion carried with Mr. Mathey abstaining because he did not attend the meeting. The motion to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2017, special meeting as presented was made by Mr. Tardoni; second by Dr. Sowada. Motion carried. The motion to approve the minutes of the May 31, 2017, special meeting as presented was made by Mr. Scott; second by Dr. Sowada. Motion carried.

#### COMMUNITY COMMUNICATION

Mr. Mathey invited members of the community to address the Board. Mr. Max Mickelson with Able Hands in Rock Springs said he wanted to share an opportunity to benefit the Hospital and the community. He said when the addiction medicine clinic closed, it was a hardship to his clients and to others. Mr. Mickelson said Dr. Chernyak is interested in doing an outpatient clinic once weekly. He said she has received extensive training in psychiatric care and has offered to assist in that needed area, also. Mr. Mickelson said he strongly encourages the Board to reach out to Dr. Chernyak and to Chief Pacheco for more information. Mr. Mickelson said it would be at very little expense but he said he did not have the specific details. He said he thinks this is a way to serve the community. He said he knows she is extremely interested in coming back and returning to her patients, the Hospital, and this community. Mr. Mickelson said Dr. Chernyak said she wants clinic weekly on Fridays. Mr. Mathey requested a written proposal. Mr. Mickelson said he would pass that information on to Dr. Chernyak.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

## SLIB Grant Process Overview

Ms. Krisena Marchal, Sweetwater County Grants Manager, provided an outline of the State Loan and Investment Board (SLIB) grant process. She said she writes the grants and then manages them following approval. Commissioner Kolb is her liaison to the Board of County Commissioners. She said she was contacted in March by Mr. Jim Horan and Ms. Tiffany Marshall regarding some various projects and the possibility of the Hospital applying for a SLIB grant. Ms. Marchal said she reviewed all SLIB meeting minutes from 2006 and found 23 times the SLIB group has approved funds for hospital projects. The SLIB group approves different types of grants. For our purpose, we are looking at a Mineral Royalty Grant (MRG). There are certain eligible entities that can receive these funds. Ms. Marchal said the Hospital would need the County to sponsor the grant. She said it cannot be used for routine maintenance. The request would have to meet three criteria: 1) used to alleviate an emergency situation that poses an immediate threat, 2) comply with state or federal mandates, and 3) provide an essential public service. Applications have requirements that make it one of the easiest to prepare. It requires a 50% match. Ms. Marchal said she used to be able to budget potential budget money, however the County is unable to do that at this time. She said a licensed engineer report and schematic design are required. The Office of State Lands and Investments review SLIB recommendations. The Department of Health will formally rank all healthcare projects. She said if a grant is approved, this would probably be the Hospital's only shot for SLIB funds for the next two or three years. Ms. Marchal said some of the questions to ask before requesting a grant are: Is this the most important project? Are we ready to move forward? Is there a more cost effective option? Ms. Marchal said applications must be flawless. The first step would be to request formal approval at a County Commissioner meeting from the Board of County Commissioners for their sponsorship, then prepare the application. The next deadline is September 21. The SLIB group looks at applications every six months so those submitted by September 21 will be reviewed in January 2018. They try to approve \$6-7M twice a year. Ms. Marchal said she would be the only point of contact. Vouchers for reimbursement would go to her and then approved and paid by the Board of County Commissioners. The Hospital would pay the contractor and then submit a voucher to the County for reimbursement from state funds held by the County. Mr. Kolb said it is very much a political process. If we move forward, the Hospital Board needs to prepare to send people to lobby the people involved to try to find someone to champion our cause and request for funding. Mr. Kolb said we deserve something back to our communities. Ms. Marchal said it is an uphill battle but she is up for the challenge. Mr. Kolb said the Board of County Commissioners is 100% behind the Hospital and Board. Mr. Mathey said the Board understands the process must be taken seriously.

## Physician Contracting Overview

Ms. Amber Fisk, Human Resources Director, distributed information to the Board and reviewed specialties we are currently recruiting. She said she and Ms. Marianne Sanders, Physician Recruitment and Relations Manager, have a starting point for ranges. New data will be available on July 1. The contracts themselves are currently being put together and reviewed by Ms. Suzan Campbell, In House Legal Counsel. Mr. Tardoni said the information basically tells the median and 75<sup>th</sup> percentile. Ms. Fisk said the new information will come with benefits information. What she and Ms. Sanders have provided is what they could find. Mr. Tardoni reviewed approval by

the Board for him to sign a contract with Kaufman Hall to review existing physician contracts and advise the Board how to do an incentive-based program for quality. Mr. Tardoni said he put a team together of Ms. Fisk, Ms. Richardson, and Dr. Melinda Poyer. He said they met and the consensus of the group was that Kaufman Hall reviewing the current contracts wouldn't provide a benefit. The group felt quality should be a provision of continued employment. Mr. Tardoni said he is not going to sign a contract with Kaufman Hall. He is going to talk to them to see how they can help us with future contracts. The goal of the meeting would be for consultants to give a written, actionable proposal and plan for future contracts. Mr. Tardoni said he has a concern with sole-sourcing anything and feels we should get proposals from a number of experts in this area. Ms. Richardson said Clifton Larson Allen, our auditors, will be here and she has asked them to put something together for us to review. She said they had given an estimate of \$15,000-20,000 to review and provide information. Dr. Sowada said Wyoming Medical Center used Sullivan Kotter to review their contracts. Mr. Scott said consulting firms are associated with most auditing firms. The motion to authorize Mr. Tardoni and committee to continue to seek proposals from whomever appropriate to provide guidance on future contracting practices with providers at MHSC was made by Mr. Scott; second by Dr. Sowada. Motion carried. Mr. Tardoni said he will obtain written proposals only. Mr. Mathey said his son is a medical student and seeking employment. His son was advised by at least one recruiter to steer clear of MHSC. Mr. Mathey said we need reputation rehabilitation in general.

#### INTERIM CEO REPORT

Ms. Richardson thanked everyone for their hard work and said we continue to move forward in a positive way. She said the recent Trauma Survey was successful, as was Hospital Week. We hosted a Relay for Life Survivor dinner. Ms. Richardson said Ms. Bailie Dockter from Castle Rock requested to meet and discuss ways to work together so the two Boards met. Ms. Richardson asked Ms. Tiffany Uranker, Trauma Program Coordinator, to provide an update on some of the discussion from the special meeting. Ms. Uranker said she read some information in the local news following the meeting and found it concerning. She said that in previous years, the Hospital always had a rotation that went well. We would call Castle Rock for transports. Ms. Uranker said their first question was if the patient had insurance. She said we have been told they had no permission to take trips. Ms. Uranker said it would be easy to add them back into the rotation but there are some things we need to address up-front. Ms. Uranker said if Castle Rock would be willing to add paramedic level they would get more transports because many do require a paramedic or a nurse. Mr. Mathey asked for a review of the process. Ms. Uranker said we used to use a calendar with the rotation noted. She said we currently don't have a formal system in-place. She said we could try a rotation for a month on a trial basis and note the process. Ms. Richardson said we can make that happen. Mr. Mathey asked Ms. Richardson to proceed cautiously. Dr. Sowada asked if there is benefit in bringing both groups in. Mr. Kolb expressed concern with potential issues with the Ambulance Board. He feels that Board should be made aware of issues. He said he asked Ms. Dockter to arrange with the Ambulance Board to be on their meeting agenda. Mr. Kolb said the Board of County Commissioners subsidizes both Sweetwater Medics and Castle Rock Ambulance Service. Mr. Tardoni said we need to review the recent contract with Sweetwater Medics for transports. Mr. Clayton Radakovich, Regulatory Compliance Director, said the agreement is for ground transport for behavioral health patients. He said he will review and send the information to the Board. Dr. Christian Theodosis, Medical Director of the Emergency Department, said it would help patients with costs if ambulances had better-developed Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) level or would take a patient regardless of payer status instead of having to take a helicopter transfer. He said Sweetwater Medics usually has the training and is willing to transport. Castle Rock usually does not or will not. Dr. Theodosis said that has contributed to a bit of an impasse. Mr. Mathey said he heard complaints from members of the community about the costs of air transport.

Ms. Richardson continued with her report. She said a Blood Drive is scheduled June 9. She said that she joined the Board for their annual report to the Board of County Commissioners June 6. Ms. Richardson said this is the first time this has happened and she welcomes suggestions and requests for additional information. She said we filled the Public Relations and Marketing Director position. Ms. Deb Sutton will join us June 12. We have been interviewing for the Director of the Clinic position.

## **BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

Mr. Jim Horan, Facilities Director, reported the Emergency Department desk issue was resolved but we haven't received all close-out documents. The dialysis floor drain issue is resolved. Dr. Sulentich asked us if there was any space in the hospital he could use so that he wouldn't have to update his medical office building space. That request was taken to the Environment of Care group. Mr. Horan said the MRI replacement is complete. The OB renovation is tabled. Mr. Horan said he submitted a request to the Finance and Audit Committee for approval of the engineering expense for the laundry upgrade for purposes of submitting a SLIB grant. The request was not approved. Mr. Horan said we discovered some issues doing our recent Joint Commission Inter Cycle Monitoring review regarding behavioral health room requirement changes related to suicide prevention. Mr. Horan said he believes we are still in the fact-finding phase of identifying changes needs and associated costs. Mr. Horan said a decision was made by Building and Grounds regarding landscaping options.

Mr. Tardoni said he finds himself in disagreement with the Finance and Audit Committee. He said we need to understand the consequences of decisions. He held up a proof of construction plan for the laundry area from 2012. Mr. Tardoni said this type of work is in his area of expertise and assured the group the plan was a workable plan, but not an optimistic plan. He said there were also plans to re-do steam piping in laundry from 2013. He said some Board or Boards in the past made a decision to not proceed and we still haven't done the work. Mr. Tardoni encouraged the Board to go out and physically see our plant. He said everything good depends on the "quivering monster" under this building. Mr. Tardoni said over the years, things have been cobbled together in the laundry that creates major issues. He held up a \$1.8M plan. He said it's the same plan as before but it is using a different blower. He said the engineering has not been done for that. Mr. Tardoni said he understands our financial constraints but we need to pay more attention to the industrial needs of this hospital. He said we can approach things from an industrial viewpoint. He thinks we need engineering to take a look from an industrial perspective, not from an architectural perspective. Mr. Tardoni said he does not feel Building and Grounds should be combined into Finance and Audit. Mr. Scott said Ms. Richardson presented information to the Board of County Commissioners with a capital budget for FY 18 of \$2M. It is limited because this hospital faced the dire condition of closing the doors. Mr. Scott said the Finance and Audit Committee is doing their utmost to bring it back. He said he understands the Board of County Commissioners wants to see us accumulate enough cash to keep us out of trouble with the people bonding us. Ms. Richardson said within that \$2M capital budget is \$800,000 for our half of a grant which would leave \$1.2M for the remainder of requests for the entire hospital. She said we cut back on capital expenditures when trying to increase cash. Mr. Horan said if we are not in a position to obtain grant funds, he would like to start chipping away at the work. Mr. Tardoni said Mr. Horan submitted a proposal March 1 and we don't have an answer or approval. Mr. Tardoni proposed we go for a smaller scope, part of the project, and still go for the grant. Ms. Richardson said she recommends holding off unless this is a #1 priority. Mr. Horan suggested bringing information to the next Building and Grounds Committee meeting for further discussion. Mr. Mathey asked Mr. Horan to put together necessities only with an industrial approach. Mr. Mathey expressed concern with rushing forward with a grant request at this time. He said organizations this size just don't move that fast. Mr. Kolb said he stands behind whatever the Board wants to do, whenever we want to do it. Mr. Scott said there needs to be a focus on days of cash on-hand. The number is growing on a slow basis. He commended Ms. Richardson for the efforts made so far.

Mr. Mathey asked about the behavioral health rooms. Ms. Richardson said we are still reviewing. Mr. Radakovich offered to share information. He said in the ICM review, the reviewer found 12 "ligature points" which would put us into immediate threat to life and safety finding status. He said the State can shut us down over the phone for that violation status. Since 2014, we have not been able to house only two behavioral patients. We have been at most 10 with some weeks with zero. Mr. Radakovich said those patients tend to surge. We see a trend with keeping them for shorter periods of time. We have more than two patients 80% of the time. He will provide data to the Board. The Joint Commission wants appropriate placement for patients at risk of suicide. Mr. Radakovich said we don't have the suicide risk assessment the Joint Commission would require currently. We don't know what impact using the new risk assessment will make. Dr. Sowada asked for a work group to be formed with robust data and information and then report to the Building and Grounds Committee. She said the Board does not have enough information to make a decision on a number of rooms at this time. Mr. Mathey said we have no contract with the State for treating Title 25 patients.

Mr. Mathey announced a 10-minute recess. The meeting was called to order at 4:43 PM.

#### FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

## Narrative

Ms. Richardson reviewed highlights in the narrative. She said it was one of the highest months ever for reductions in revenue. Expenses were down again. Ms. Richardson reported 89 days of cash on-hand. She said we are making a good turnaround in our daily cash expense. She reviewed the clinic narrative. Mr. Mathey asked for the basics of the Wamsutter clinic contract. Ms. Richardson said we are required to have a provider there four days each week. We bill for all visits and we get that revenue. Wamsutter provides the physical space. Mr. Radakovich said there is no lease fee. Ms. Richardson said we track all costs for salary, wage, benefits, internet, etc., and then submit a voucher and the Health District covers any losses, which is on average \$20,000/month. She said it is a break-even for us. Mr. Kolb said it is a rural healthcare taxing district.

# Capital Request

Mr. Scott invited Ms. Tracie Soller, Medical Imaging Director, to address a FY18 item that must be approved now in an effort to save money. Ms. Soller said because we are not moving forward with a cardiac program, we decided on a 64-slice CT instead of a 128-slice, which decreased the cost. We selected Siemens largely due to the service offered. The cost includes a required physicist's evaluation. Ms. Tami Love, Controller, said we are investigating a capital lease or operational lease. The motion to approve FY18-1 as tentative to get the order made and then bring back to Finance and Audit when ready to make the purchase with final numbers was made by Mr. Scott; second by Mr. Tardoni. Motion carried.

# Investments Request

The motion to approve the investments recommendation of \$16,973,459.71 at Bank of the West, Key Bank, and Wyo Star, as presented was made by Mr. Scott; second by Dr. Sowada. Motion carried.

# **Bad Debt Request**

The motion to approve certifying the bad debt of \$843,618.95 as presented was made by Dr. Sowada; second by Mr. Scott. Motion carried.

# FY18 Budget

Ms. Richardson said the process of creating the budget started in January. Department Leader meetings were held in April. The draft was taken to the Finance and Audit Committee in April, then a workshop was held with Mr. Scott and Mr. Jones. Ms. Richardson said the budget is very conservative. If volume decreases, we will adjust our expenses. She said we have been working very hard to lower expenses. A recommendation was made for a 5% increase in charges overall, not on every charge. Ms. Richardson said the goal is to focus on growing our cash. It is a slow process but should happen if we adhere to this budget. As stated earlier in the meeting, \$2M is set for capital. The motion to approve the FY18 budget as presented was made by Mr. Scott; second by Dr. Sowada. Motion carried.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

Ms. Fisk said the Committee met May 22. The overall turnover including the Clinic was 9% for January through April. There were 50 separations and 35 new employees. We have 13 regular, full-time openings and 5 PRN (pro re nata, as-needed) openings. Four of the full-time openings are for nurse positions. Ms. Fisk said we are doing an overhaul of employee policies. They were created in 2006 and updated in 2011. She said Ms. Campbell has come on to re-do all of the policies. The Committee has been asked to review the drafts, make suggestions/corrections for the June 19 meeting, and then information will be provided to the full Board for review and approval. Mr. Mathey suggested a discussion for the full Board at the August meeting rather than the July meeting.

## **QUALITY COMMITTEE**

Ms. Amanda Molski, Quality Director, said the Committee met May 17 and they continue to address areas for improvement. We are focusing on the timeliness of care, in particular Emergency Department thru-put. Ms. Molski said an exceptional group of nurses and an interdisciplinary team have been making changes. They continue coming up with new ideas and process changes. We want to provide timely, effective and efficient care. Bedside hand-off and reporting is happening in our inpatient areas. We plan to implement in the Emergency Department. The overall thru-put process is very complex. We know it will take some time but we are hoping we will get the results we want through the incremental changes we are making. Ms. Molski said we are very excited to involve our first patient and family advisor. She introduced Ms. Helen Vaughn and asked her to share her story. Ms. Vaughn shared her story about her young daughter and difficulties she has experienced in her care in the past. She said most of her visits to our Emergency Department were a nightmare. She said she felt serious changes needed to be made, not only for her daughter, but for other patients and for the hospital in our community. Ms. Vaughn shared the purpose of the group and her role. Dr. Sowada thanked Ms. Vaughn for sharing her time and experience.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

# **Utilization Management Policy**

Dr. Kristy Nielson, Chief Nursing Officer, said the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requires we have annual Board approval for the Utilization Management Policy. Our group has been having monthly meetings since March. Dr. Poyer expressed appreciation to Dr. Sowada for attending a recent meeting. Dr. Poyer said she feels they have a very good composition right now and feel they are making progress. The motion to approve the Utilization Management Policy as presented was made by Dr. Sowada; second by Mr. Scott. Motion carried.

# **Board Policies Revisions**

Dr. Sowada said the policies were primarily written by her in 2011, reviewed by previous legal counsel, and approved by the Board. She said she welcomes revisions and input. She said they are included in the board orientation packet. They were developed during the transition from Brim Healthcare. She said there wasn't much structure for the Board so they sought a structure. Mr. Kolb said the Board doesn't have the authority to remove another Board member. Dr. Sowada said she didn't know that at the time. She suggested that policy be rewritten to include advising the Board of County Commissioners if there is an issue with a Board member. Mr. Kolb suggested removing "3a" indicating the CEO shall not be excluded. He doesn't want the problems of the past to continue in the future. Mr. Kolb requested a copy of the bylaws when updated. Mr. Mathey assured him that would happen. Mr. Mathey invited Mr. Kolb to sit in with Dr. Sowada and Mr. Mathey as they work through the process. Dr. Sowada said they will continue working on them and bring them back to the Board.

## Contract Review

Mr. Radakovich said he was filling in for Ms. Campbell in the review of contracts for approval.

The motion to approve and authorize Ms. Richardson to sign the Sencorp agreement for the Pharmacy on behalf of the Hospital as presented was made by Dr. Sowada; second by Mr. Scott. Motion carried.

The motion to approve and authorize Ms. Richardson to sign the Best Home Health Hospice Respite Care agreement on behalf of the Hospital as presented was made by Mr. Tardoni; second by Dr. Sowada. Motion carried.

The Memorandum of Understanding with the Sweetwater County Joint Powers Communication Board involves an antenna on our medical office building for emergency needs. Mr. Kolb asked if it was appropriate for the Board to approve placement on a county building. Mr. Mathey said he felt we can sign it but he has concerns with items 5A and 5B. The Board agreed to table the request until they can request additional information.

The motion to approve and authorize Ms. Richardson to sign the NOLS cooperative education agreement on behalf of the Hospital as presented was made by Dr. Sowada; second by Mr. Scott. Motion carried.

The motion to approve and authorize Ms. Richardson to sign the education affiliation agreement with the University of Northern Colorado for a dietetic intern on behalf of the Hospital as presented was made by Dr. Sowada; second by Mr. Tardoni. Motion carried.

The motion to approve and authorize Ms. Richardson to sign the education affiliation agreement with Idaho State University on behalf of the Hospital as presented was made by Mr. Scott; second by Mr. Tardoni. Motion carried.

In relation to any affiliation agreement, Mr. Phillips said he was reminded by Mr. Kolb that the Board of County Commissioners doesn't have any interest to micromanage but want to review where things weren't reviewed. This relates to statutory compliance and it is a change in the way things are going. Mr. Mathey said we agreed with the Commissioners that if there is any doubt, we would contact the Board of County Commissioners. That doesn't mean we can't approve and authorize Ms. Richardson to sign. Mr. Kolb said he thinks this is an opportunity for statutory change. Mr. Phillips said we need to maintain our relationship with the County. He suggested a change in the indemnification language. Mr. Radakovich suggested changing "affiliation agreement" wording to "cooperative education agreement." Mr. Kolb said it was agreed to let Mr. Danny Erramouspe, County Attorney, work it out and he will support whatever Mr. Erramouspe says. It is not okay to just change the wording. Maybe we could create a blanket authority for education agreements. Dr. Nielson expressed concerned with increasing the timing of approving education agreements. Mr. Mathey said we can get used to the fact it will be approved by the Board of Trustees and then perhaps the Board of County Commissioners. Mr. Phillips said he will talk with Mr. Erramouspe for an opinion.

The motion to approve and authorize Ms. Richardson to sign the online Up To Date medical journal database agreement on behalf of the Hospital as presented was made by Mr. Scott; second by Dr. Sowada. Motion carried.

The motion to approve and authorize Ms. Richardson to sign the Medical Director for the Sleep Lab agreement on behalf of the Hospital as presented was made by Mr. Tardoni; second by Dr. Sowada. Motion carried.

The motion to approve and authorize Ms. Richardson to sign the malnutrition workshop agreement on behalf of the Hospital as presented was made by Dr .Sowada; second by Mr. Tardoni. Motion carried.

Ms. Richardson asked if any of these are operational items that the CEO can approve. She asked if there will be a dollar amount that the Board would authorize the CEO to sign. Mr. Mathey said they are working through the process.

The motion to approve and authorize Ms. Richardson to sign the vendor PRC agreement for patient experience surveys on behalf of the Hospital as presented was made by Dr. Sowada; second by Mr. Tardoni. Motion carried. Ms. Kari Quickenden, Chief Clinical Officer, said she and Ms. Stephanie Mlinar, Administrative Nurse Director, are looking at other vendors, changing numbers of surveys, lowering costs, etc. She said they will bring information to the Board for review.

The motion to approve and authorize Ms. Richardson to sign the Huntsman amendment on behalf of the Hospital as presented was made by Mr. Scott; second by Mr. Tardoni. Motion carried.

The motion to approve and authorize Ms. Richardson to sign the Medical Physics Consultants agreement renewal on behalf of the Hospital as presented was made by Mr. Scott; second by Dr. Sowada. Motion carried.

The motion to approve and authorize Ms. Richardson to sign the Invivo agreement renewal for service for MRI breast coil equipment on behalf of the Hospital as presented was made by Mr. Scott; second by Mr. Tardoni. Motion carried.

The motion to approve and authorize Ms. Richardson to sign the Hologics service agreement renewal for a vacuum assisted biopsy device on behalf of the Hospital as presented was made by Dr. Sowada; second by Mr. Scott. Motion carried.

The Board agreed to table the request for renewal of the existing agreement for Red Sky Brocade for physical network equipment until they can obtain more information from Mr. Rich Tyler, Information Technology Director.

The motion to approve and authorize Ms. Richardson to sign the Tribridge finance system renewal on behalf of the Hospital as presented was made by Mr. Tardoni; second by Dr. Sowada. Motion carried.

Mr. Kolb said the Board of County Commissioners does not want to impede and because it is education, he will withdraw what he said earlier in this particular instance regarding the education affiliation agreement approval.

Mr. Mathey announced a 10-minute recess. The meeting was called to order at 7:44 PM.

#### COMMUNITY COMMUNICATION

Mr. Mathey invited members of the community to address the Board.

Mr. Ron Cheese, Patient Financial Services Director, said he wanted to formally thank Mr. Scott at this, his final Board meeting. Mr. Kolb thanked Mr. Scott and said he regrets he will not continue on the Board. He asked for input for the new Board member, whom to select, type of person. Mr. Mathey said he is pleased with the people the Board of County Commissioners has appointed to the Board. He said he is trusting the Commissioners to continue that trend.

Mr. Kolb thanked Ms. Richardson and the Board for attending the June 6 Board of County Commissioners meeting and presenting the annual report information. He said it was everything he was looking for. Mr. Kolb said there was back tax of \$7,100 owed on the 3000 College Drive property that was delinquent. The Board of County Commissioners abated the tax. Mr. Kolb said the county museum is in need of some storage space. He asked us to consider letting them store some things in the Hilltop rental space that is not being used for anything else. Mr. Mathey said we will consider the request.

Mr. Cheese said part of the healthcare regulations is providers must re-up their Medicaid applications. It is time to re-do Colorado's application. The form requires Trustees include their personal social security numbers. Mr. Cheese said we have \$70,000 waiting on books for Colorado Medicaid. Mr. Cheese is certain we will do over \$300,000 in total business for the year. He tends to think upcoming renewal applications will require this new information. The Board in attendance agreed to provide their information. They expressed interest in fraud protection. Mr. Cheese will explore and report back to the Board. Mr. Mathey asked Ms. Cindy Nelson, Executive Assistant, to update Mr. Jones, ask for his response, and then notify Mr. Mathey.

## GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mr. Mathey said Ms. Richardson will need to be given authority within parameters to negotiate contracts. We will need a process to help that process. Mr. Mathey said he would personally like her to bring them to the Board for review and approval. Mr. Scott suggested Ms. Richardson ask the auditors if they have anything we could use as a template, as a place to start. Mr. Mathey says Ms. Campbell has been working on that, too. He hasn't had a chance to get to them yet.

The Board agreed to move the July regular meeting to Thursday, July 6.

Mr. Kolb said the Board of County Commissioners will have a presentation by MASA, a medical flight insurance company, and invites the Board and/or Ms. Richardson to attend to see if the Hospital has an opinion, sees potential impact, etc. Ms. Richardson said she will contact Ms. Sally Shoemaker at the Commissioners' office for more information.

#### MEDICAL STAFF REPORT

Dr. Dansie said he has two personnel issues to bring to the Board during executive session. He introduced Dr. Kishore Rasamallu, Hospitalist. Dr. Rasamallu thanked everyone and said he is happy to be back. He said he applauds the efforts to bring the hospital back. Dr. Dansie announced Dr. Alan Brown and Dr. Chad Franks passed their Boards. The General Services Department met. There is a change in blood bank policy.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The motion to go into Executive Session was made by Dr. Sowada; second by Mr. Scott. Motion carried.

### RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

The Board of Trustees reconvened into Regular Session at 10:00 PM.

The motion to approve the May 8, 2017 Credentials Committee Recommendations as follows for appointment to the Medical Staff was made by Dr. Sowada; second by Mr. Scott. Motion carried.

- 1. Initial Appointment to Locum Tenens Staff (1 year)
  - Dr. Jeffrey Godwin, Hospitalist
- 2. Initial Appointment to Consulting Staff (1 year)
  - Dr. Erin Clark, Maternal/Fetal Medicine (U of U)
  - Dr. John McArthur, Tele Radiology (VRC)
  - Dr. Krishnan Kartha, Tele Radiology (VRC)
- 3. Reappointment to Active Staff (2year)
  - a. Dr. Michael Bowers
  - b. Dr. Brytton Long
- 4. Reappointment to Consulting Staff (2 years)
  - Dr. Dariusz Bulczak, Tele Radiology (VRC)
  - Dr. Lillian Khor, Cardiovascular Disease (U of U)
  - Dr. Stacy Johnson, Tele Hospitalist (U of U)
- 5. Reappointment to AHP Staff (2year)
  - Michael Bauer, LPC (SWCS)
  - Thomas Bibber, LCSW (SWCS)
  - Mark Gibson, Ph.D. (SWCS)
  - Julie Scott, LPC, LAT (SWCS)
- 6. Additional Privileges
  - Starla Leete, CNM Surgery 1st Assist
  - Mandi Lew, CNM Surgery 1<sup>st</sup> Assist

The motion to sign engagement with DDRH was made by Mr. Scott; second by Mr. Tardoni. Motion carried.

The motion to give Ms. Richardson permission to extend MD contracts per discussion was made by Mr. Scott; second by Mr. Tardoni. Motion carried.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the motion was made, second and carried to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:10 PM.

Mr. Richard Mathey, President

Attest:

Mr. Taylor Jones, Secretary