



**ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 2020 – 5:30 p.m.**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Don Hallmark, President
Bryn Dodd, Vice President
Mary Lou Anderson
David Dunn
Richard Herrera
Wallace Dunn
Ben Quiroz

OTHERS PRESENT:

Russell Tippin, President/Chief Executive Officer
Steve Ewing, Chief Financial Officer
Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel
Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer
Christin Timmons, Chief Nursing Officer
Dr. Timothy Benton, Interim Chief Medical Officer
Kerstin Connolly, Paralegal
Michaela Johnson, Executive Assistant to the CEO & Public Relations

**OTHERS VIRTUALLY
PRESENT:**

Gingie Sredanovich, Chief Compliance and Privacy Officer
Various other interested members of the Medical Staff,
employees, and citizens

I. CALL TO ORDER

Don Hallmark called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room of Medical Center Hospital. Notice of the meeting was properly posted as required by the Open Meetings Act.

II. INVOCATION

Russell Tippin offered the invocation.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

Don Hallmark stated *"The Special Meeting of the ECHD Board of Directors is open to accept comments from the public regarding the proposed 2020 Ad Valorem Tax Rate. For those wishing to make public comments and who have not already done so, please sign in with Ms. Connolly. Comments to the Board will be limited to 3 minutes. Each speaker will be given a 1-minute warning prior to the expiration of the 3-minute time limit."*

There were two members of the public who requested to address the ECHD Board of Directors. Elaine Gollaher and Lisa Harris addressed the ECHD Board of Directors.

After the public comments were received Mr. Hallmark asked if there were additional public comments regarding the 2020 Ad Valorem Tax Rate. There were no further comments from the public.

Mr. Hallmark stated *"A Special Meeting of the ECHD Board of Directors will be held in this Board Room on September 17, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. to accept comments from the public on the proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Operating and Capital Budget and to vote on the proposed 2020 Ad Valorem Tax Rate."*

IV. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF OBSERVATION UNIT

Christin Timmons, Chief Nursing Officer, presented the agreement for Development of Observation Unit with MCH's patient management unit. MCH is seeking to partner with Vizient to begin an in-depth assessment of observation patient management processes, develop and implement a dedicated unit, and optimize interrelated upstream, downstream and ancillary processes.

Wallace Dunn moved and Mary Lou Anderson seconded the motion to approve the Agreement for Development of Observation Unit with Vizient as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

V. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH HEALTHGRADES

Alison Pradon, Vice President of Development, presented an agreement with Healthgrades. This is a new 3 year agreement to provide point of contact for all calls coming into the 640-6000 number. This includes event registrations, maintenance of online "Find a Physician" database, and warm transfer when connecting patients with clinics.

Ben Quiroz moved and Richard Herrera seconded the motion to approve the Agreement with Healthgrades as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Don Hallmark stated that the Board would go into Executive Session for the meeting held in closed session involving the following: Meeting held in closed session involving any of the following: (1) Consultation with attorney regarding legal matters and legal issues pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code; (2) MCH-2045 Advance Directives - Advice, recommendations, opinions, or other material reflecting the policymaking processes of the Ector County Hospital District as per Section 552.111 of the Texas Government Code.

ATTENDEES for the entire Executive Session: ECHD Board members Don Hallmark; Bryn Dodd, Mary Lou Anderson, David Dunn, Wallace Dunn, Richard Herrera, Ben Quiroz, Russell Tippin, Steve Ewing, Steve Steen, Matt Collins, Christin Timmons, Dr. Timothy Benton, Kerstin Connolly, and Michaela Johnson

Executive Session began at 6:03 p.m.
Executive Session ended at 6:19 p.m.

No action was taken during Executive Session.

VII. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no items for consideration from Executive Session.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Don Hallmark adjourned the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David Dunn Secretary
Ector County Hospital District Board of Directors