

SABINE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES

September 25, 2017

The Sabine County Hospital District Board of Directors met for a Regular Meeting on September 25, 2017 at 5:30 PM in the Sabine County Hospital Board Room.

Present

Mark Pearson, Vice President
Joe McNaughten, Secretary
Earl Willis, Board Member
Diane Powell, Contracted Employee
Chloe Schafer, Interim EMS Administrator

Others Present

Jacy Daugherty, Administrative Assistant
Jerry Howell, Sabine County Hospital Administrator
Montez McNaughten, Citizen

Absent

Phil Yocom, President

- I. Mr. Pearson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- II. Mr. McNaughten opened the meeting in prayer.
- III. Public Comments: None
- IV. Mr. Willis moved to accept the financials and invoices. Mr. McNaughten seconded. Mr. McNaughten moved to accept the September 7, 2017 regular meeting minutes, August 21, 2017, September 7, 2017, and September 12, 2017 special meeting minutes. Mr. Willis seconded. Motions passed by raise of hands.
- V. Mr. Howell presented the Hospital Administrator's Report. Mr. Howell stated that he turned in the numbers for August at the delayed board meeting for August on September 7, 2017. Mr. Howell said the hospital had employee appreciation day, and Andy Freeman and Mike Easley came to it. Mr. Howell said September was a busy month. He said in October the hospital is going to do a customer service program with a man from SFA. Mr. Howell said that the hospital would soon be finished setting up to do heart echoes. Mr. Howell added that Larry Stephens with Preferred Hospital Leasing had resigned and

they were in the process of finding a replacement. Mr. Pearson commented that he enjoys the hospital's radio program and finds them informative. Mr. Pearson asked what the hospital's policy was on snakebites. Mr. Howell responded that the hospital does not keep the anti-venom for snakebites because in most cases anti-venom is not given to the patient because the side effects are bad. Mr. Howell explained that, generally, when anti-venom is needed, surgical intervention is also needed. In that case, the hospital would transfer the patient to another hospital. Mr. Howell added that anti-venom has a very short shelf life and costs over \$6,000, so smaller hospitals usually do not keep it in stock. Mr. McNaughten moved to accept the hospital administrator's report. Mr. Willis seconded. Motion passed by raise of hands. Mr. Pearson suggested doing a segment on the hospital's radio program over snakebites. Mr. Howell said that was a good idea and he would look into making that happen. Mr. Howell added that, if anyone thought of any other subjects that would be good for the radio program, let him know and he would talk to the providers about adding them.

- VI. Ms. Schafer presented the EMS Administrator's Report. Ms. Schafer stated that call volume for Sabine County EMS was down for the month of August but was on the rise for the month of September. Ms. Schafer stated that response time was down 1 minute and 4 seconds compared to last year. Ms. Schafer stated that EMS had 86 911's, 5 emergency facility transports, 6 non-emergent facility transports, and 17 medical facility transports. Ms. Schafer stated that the mileage on Med 3 is 0 because it will be reset after the remount. Ms. Powell stated that while they were at Frazer with Med 3, she and Ms. Schafer got the invoice for the remount. Ms. Powell stated that she took some things off and added a backup camera and a new back bumper. Ms. Powell added that the final amount was less than the board agreed to, so they saved some money with the changes. Ms. Powell said that Med 1 is not regenerating and the filters are going out. Ms. Powell stated that she talked to our state inspector about deleting Med 1, there is no liability doing it, and other ambulance services do it all the time. Ms. Schafer stated that deleting Med 1 would be less expensive than replacing all of the filters, which would be the other option. Ms. Powell asked if she could get a quote to delete it and present it to the board. Mr. Pearson said yes and to add it to next month's agenda. Mr. Pearson clarified that "deleting" meant to remove the Def system from the ambulance. Ms. Schafer clarified that three units were in service and one is being remounted. Mr. Willis moved to accept the EMS Administrator's Report. Mr. McNaughten seconded. Motion passed by raise of hands.
- VII. Executive Session at 5:48 p.m.
 1. Discussion concerning personnel.
- VIII. Return to open meeting at 5:53 p.m.
- IX. Mr. Pearson stated that this item would be tabled until Mr. Yocom was present.
- X. Board Member Comments:

Mr. Willis: None

Mr. McNaughten joked that he had intended to leave the board when he turned 80. He was 81 now, so he decided to stay.

Mr. Pearson added that he appreciated Mr. McNaughten and Mr. Willis being on the board of directors and found the experience rewarding.

XI. Board meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.