

SABINE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES

September 10, 2015

The Sabine County Hospital District Board of Directors met for a Regular Meeting on September 10, 2015 at 5:00 PM in the Sabine County Hospital Board Room.

Present

Phil Yocom, President
Earl Willis, Board Member
Joe McNaughten, Secretary
Diane Powell, District Administrator

Others Present

Cecil Tatum, Sabine County Reporter

- I. Mr. Yocom called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- II. Public comments:
- III. Mrs. Powell stated that she has done as much research as she can do and the proposed budget is rough. She stated that with starting the EMS service a year ago it takes billing 120 days to cure, so money is still coming in from last year. Ms. Powell stated that she has EMS income at \$1.2 million, and lease payments of \$216,000 which are the payments the district receives from Preferred. She stated that the way the budget is now, the loan would be paid off in December of 2016. She stated that amount is approximately \$159,000. Mr. Yocom asked if the budget included the UPL money. Ms. Powell stated no UPL money could not be budgeted for the first year. Ms. Powell stated that Preferred payments are \$820,000. First Responders payments are \$36,000, which is the same amount as the previous year. She also stated that the Capital Reserve Outlay is \$153,100. Ms. Powell stated that in her opinion Funded Depreciation should be moved from an EMS Expense to a District Expense. She stated that all assets are owned by the District therefore she felt this line item should be put in District Expenses. Ms. Powell stated that Funded Depreciation is basically a savings account for the District when purchasing assets. Mr. Yocom stated that could be a station, new ambulance or anything else the District needs at that time. Mr. Yocom then asked about a used ambulance that had been found what had ever come about on it. Ms. Powell stated that the bid had got too high for what they would have liked to have paid for it sight unseen. Mr. Yocom stated that he has heard that Med 3 unit was small and difficult to work in. Ms. Powell stated yes, if you have a normal size person and a medic in the back there is not much room to work, this is especially difficult when you have a larger person working the

truck. Mr. Willis stated that he liked the idea of adding the Funded Depreciation amount of \$120,000 to Capital Reserve Outlay to make it a total of \$273,000. Ms. Powell stated we didn't have to move it to one line item but could just move the current line item up to the District Expense. Mr. Yocom asked if Ms. Powell had the 2015 budget to compare to the 2016 budget. Mr. Willis asked Ms. Powell where she was into looking into the cost of health insurance for the employees. Ms. Powell stated that she would be meeting with someone on Monday and it would be on the September Regular Meeting agenda. Ms. Powell stated that the only thing she was having trouble with was the Salaries because she cannot predict what will happen in April when the Board talks about that. Mr. Yocom told Mr. Willis and Mr. McNaughten that the Administrator's were under paid by 10's of thousands of dollar each year. Mr. Willis agreed. Mr. Yocom stated that there needs to be a plan for the Administrators salary to be increased up to where it should be within 3 or 4 years. He asked for Ms. Powell to put together a couple different options with pay increases or pay increases and bonuses for the board to look at getting the Administrators salaries up to par. Mr. Willis stated that when the board had the last contract revision meeting with Preferred and the percentage was set, Mr. Yocom stated it was 90%. Mr. Willis asked if there was an option to increase this percentage. Mr. Yocom stated that there is an option to increase or decrease. Mr. Willis stated that we will be paying \$820,000 this year and 4% of \$820,000 is a lot more than 4% of \$780,000. Mr. Yocom it was a declining percentage to make up for the amount of increase. Ms. Powell stated that when we move the Funded Deprecation to the District expense then EMS Expenses will be \$1.325 Million per year so the District would only be funding EMS \$125,000 a year. She stated however that the unbudgeted UPL money would cover that cost and EMS would be break even. Mr. Willis asked if we were still receiving the \$216,000 for lease payment. Ms. Powell stated yes but that is not in the EMS revenue.

- IV. Mr. Yocom stated that the proposed tax rate is \$0.206546 per \$100 dollar evaluation. Which would provide \$1,275,601.00 at 100% collection rate. He stated that rate would be adopted on September 17, 2015 at 5:30.
- V. Meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

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