

SABINE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES

September 24, 2018

The Sabine County Hospital District Board of Directors met for a Regular Meeting on September 24, 2018 at 5:30 PM in the Sabine County Hospital Board Room.

Present

Tiffani Bradberry, President
Byron Starr, Vice President
Joe McNaughten, Secretary
Earl Willis, Board Member
Pennie Ferguson, Board Member
Jacy Daugherty, District Administrator
Erin Hudson, EMS Administrator

Others Present

Jerry Howell, Sabine County Hospital Administrator
Montez McNaughten, Citizen
Margaret Moore, Sabine County Hospital

- I. Ms. Bradberry called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- II. Mr. McNaughten opened the meeting in prayer.
- III. Public Comments: Ms. McNaughten stated that Mr. McNaughten had just turned 82 years old. Mr. Ms. McNaughten stated that recently Mr. McNaughten had been talking to people that he knew about taking his place on the board. Ms. McNaughten stated that it is sad that he can't find anyone in his precinct who wants to take his place because the public is so critical of the board members. Ms. McNaughten stated that she wishes people could really understand and appreciate the work that the Sabine County Hospital District Board of Directors does. Ms. McNaughten stated that she deeply appreciates the service that the board members do. Ms. McNaughten stated that she hopes that the board can solve all of the financial problems that have been created in the past. Ms. McNaughten stated that she hopes in the future, if she goes to look for something specific that was bought by the District, she will be able to find it on financial statements.
- IV. Ms. Bradberry asked why EMS salaries increased in August. Ms. Daugherty replied that there were three pay periods instead of the usual two that fell in the month of August. Ms. Bradberry asked why utilities increased. Ms. Daugherty stated that, before, internet or phone bills may have been placed in office or station expense, and this time she put everything in utilities. Ms. Bradberry stated that there needs to be an agreement to cease

any unnecessary spending until January 1, 2019. The board discussed current expenses that must be met and ways to cut back. Ms. Bradberry moved to accept the August financials and invoices. Mr. Starr seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- V. Mr. Howell presented the Hospital Administrator's Report. Ms. Bradberry moved to accept the hospital administrator's report. Mr. Starr seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- VI. Ms. Hudson presented the EMS Administrator's Report. Ms. Bradberry moved to accept the EMS Administrator's Report. Mr. Starr seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- VII. Mr. Willis stated that the only thing he has found out is what a sprinkler system would cost. Mr. Willis stated that he got three bids, and they were all over \$10,000. Ms. Hudson stated that the administration building would already have parking for the trucks if they could get the sprinkler system installed. Ms. Bradberry stated that she found out that, even if they got the sprinkler system installed, the electrical wiring of the administration building is not up to code to be used as an EMS station. Ms. Bradberry stated that the administration building is no longer an option for a station. Ms. Bradberry stated that they could go through the expense of bringing the rented building up to DEA standards and moving the office there, but that is also a big expense. No action taken.
- VIII. The board deliberated on the use of the 2014 Chevrolet Fly Car. Ms. Bradberry stated that there needed to be parameters for use of the fly car. Ms. Ferguson stated that it just needed to be used as an emergency response vehicle or to stand by at football games and not as a personal vehicle. Ms. Hudson stated that the only time she would take it out of town would be for supplies or to go to meetings. Ms. Bradberry moved that Ms. Hudson would take the fly car to and from work, equip and respond to emergencies in the fly car when she is on call, and standby at football games when she is able to and an ambulance is not available. Mr. Starr seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- IX. Ms. Daugherty stated that she was planning on taking the Basic EMT Class being offered by San Augustine County EMS so that she can respond to emergencies with the EMS Administrator if all of the ambulances are on other calls. Ms. Daugherty stated that the class would be \$800 total if the board wanted to pay for it. Ms. Bradberry stated that if Ms. Daugherty and Ms. Hudson can respond to calls and Sabine County EMS can take transfers that they now have to decline, that will pay for the class in one trip. Ms. Ferguson moved to pay the tuition for Ms. Daugherty to attend the Basic EMT Class being offered by San Augustine County EMS. Mr. Starr seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- X. Ms. Bradberry stated that the board has not formally advertised for the EMS Administrator position. Ms. Hudson stated that she is still happy doing the job until she gets Sabine County EMS compliant with the State. Ms. Hudson stated that the inspection would be in 26 days. Ms. Bradberry stated that, even if Ms. Hudson doesn't apply for the EMS Administrator position, she would like Sabine County EMS to be fully compliant before the next person takes over. Ms. Bradberry stated that she wanted to reiterate for

clarity that the Ms. Hudson would be paid an average of her salary the three months prior to her becoming the Interim EMS Administrator and she would work two days in the office and one day on an ambulance. Ms. Bradberry stated that, if needed, Ms. Hudson may work in the office five days a week and not work her shift on the truck until she gets the State paperwork finished. Ms. Bradberry moved to approve Ms. Hudson to continue in the Interim EMS Administrator position with the terms they agreed upon until they hire an EMS Administrator. Mr. McNaughten seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- XI. Board Member Comments: Ms. Bradberry stated that she wanted to let everyone know that Sabine County Hospital District had received a public information request a few weeks late because it was misaddressed. Ms. Bradberry informed the board of what the Public Information Request said. Ms. Bradberry stated that Ms. Daugherty is doing the very best she can to provide the information. Ms. Bradberry stated that if anyone who is submitting a Public Information Request has any questions, they may come to the board meetings and be put on the agenda to ask those questions. Ms. Bradberry stated that she wishes people in the community could realize that the new board members have inherited a sinking ship and are trying to fix it. Ms. Ferguson stated that the audio of every single meeting is on Daily News if anyone wants to hear what was said in the meetings. Ms. Ferguson stated that we can only produce the documents that we have and make a good faith effort to provide those to the public.
- XII. Board meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

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