

Johnson County Hospital District

BOARD MINUTES

June 28, 2023

The Board of Trustees of Johnson County Hospital District met for its June Board Meeting on Wednesday, June 28, 2023, at 5:35 P.M. in the Lake Angeline Conference Room. The following members were present:

Mark Schueler, M.D., President
Cristy Kinghorn, Secretary
Tom Holt, Treasurer
Rich Griffith, Board Member
Alecia Kozisek, Board Member

Those Absent:

Others Present:

Luke Senden - CEO
Becky Rodriguez – Finance Director
Laurie Hansen – Director of Administration
Mary Litzel – JCHC DON
Brenda Gorm – AHCC DON
Miranda Camino – FMC Manager
Peder Schaefer – Buffalo Bulletin
Aaron Palmer – Big Horn Mtn Radio

Dr. Schueler called the meeting to order.

The public budget hearing was held at which time the FY2024 operating and capital budget were reviewed. After some discussion, Tom Holt made a motion to approve the FY2024 operating and capital budget. Cristy Kinghorn seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Alecia Kozisek made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 31, 2023 board meeting. Rich Griffith seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Dr. Schueler on behalf of Dr. Rice, Chief of Staff, talked about the recent trauma survey and what the outcome of the survey was. Everyone involved worked hard and the outcome was very favorable.

Laurie Hansen, RN, mentioned that there have been issues with paging in the facility and the new phone system but they are working to get it fixed. Aside from that she had nothing further to add to her written report.

Mary Litzel, RN, said there was nothing to add to her written report. Alecia Kozisek asked about a date to move into the new inpatient space and Mary said there is no official date yet.

Brenda Gorm, RN, discussed new CNAs that are currently onboarding and had nothing more to add to her written report.

Miranda Camino, RN, let the board know that a nurse will be leaving the clinic in a couple of weeks. She has accepted a teaching position at Sheridan College but will still be working as PRN for the clinic.

Luke Senden, CEO, Black Hills Ortho performed their first case here in June, the procedure went really well and they plan to be here more frequently.

Luke provided a construction update and stated that the clinic parking lot project has started. As the project continues staff are parking in parking lots at two different churches that have agreed to allow us to use their space, as well as on the streets around the facility without congesting the surrounding neighborhoods. The HVAC unit in the inpatient space that caught fire is fixed and the warranty is being honored. The maintenance crew has been going through the punch list in the inpatient space and found things that needed to be fixed so they will be going through again to make sure everything is exactly as we want it. Cardiopulmonary has been relocated to half of the conference rooms as construction moves into that space. The relocation seems to be working and the clinic construction continues to move along. There has also been progress made on the physical therapy project. There is still work being done on Phase 3 but over all the construction is moving along well.

Sheridan Memorial contacted Luke about the radiologists and would like to change our agreement with them. Luke has been working on solutions to make it work for everyone. Luke has also been having several conversations with the nursing home staff to work on where changes can be made to improve operations there.

Luke discussed Senior Life Solutions and said that he and Heidi Toyne had a call with the company that does our chargemaster review to determine how to handle the billing portion of these services. It is unclear at this time how to make it all work but he is hoping to get it all together and started the first quarter of next year.

There was a discussion about the Vets Home contract for medical services in the new facility. Luke was working on negotiations on the contract and was informed that the Vets Home was going to terminate the agreement and put it back out to bid. Luke will continue to work through the process with them to see what can be worked out.

Luke said there was a demonstration with a new EMR vendor, he received good feedback from those that were able to attend so he will look at bringing the company back for a more in-depth demonstration of the system. Luke also talked about the new phone system and the digital receptionist that has been put in place. There have been some issues with the digital receptionist so that will be revamped to make it more efficient and user-friendly for patients.

There was a discussion at the last board meeting about the company that will be coming in to help improve the patient experience across the facility. Luke was able to obtain grant funds to pay for them to come out and Luke is working on getting them scheduled to be onsite.

There was a discussion about the exterior signage around the facility and the need to get new ones. Luke is working on getting a plan in place to update the signs and get new ones put up. He also said that Dale Hall has been working on updating and improving the referral bonus program to help bring in new employees.

Luke let the board know that the cost of the hot water heaters that were previously approved by the board came in higher than what was approved.

Becky Rodriguez provided the credentialing report. The board reviewed applications for appointment/reappointment to the Medical Staff. Following the review, Tom Holt made a motion to appoint/reappoint and grant privileges to the following applicants. Alecia Kozisek seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Initial Appointment:

- Laman, BrianMD Orthopedics
- Zebroski, JeremyMD Orthopedics
- Quinn, AnthonyMD Orthopedics
- Milner, BrentonMD Orthopedics

Reappointment:

- None

Miranda Camino, explained the need to bring in a PRN mid-level provider to help cover vacations for providers and help with the walk-in clinic. Luke mentioned that there are a couple of individuals that would be interested in the position. Alecia Kozisek asked how they would be scheduled and Tom Holt asked if the cost is included in the budget. There was further discussion about how it would work for scheduling and all of the providers.

Luke Senden provided information about creating a psychiatric nurse practitioner position. He discussed it at the medical staff meeting and the providers felt it would be beneficial to have someone providing the services in the clinic. The cost is not included in the budget, but it is still in the very early stages of planning. He asked for the board's approval to move forward in pursuing the position. The board agreed it would be beneficial to have someone and to move forward with getting the position created.

Becky Rodriguez presented the Board with May 2023 month-end and FY2023 year-end financial performance results.

Luke Senden explained updates to the parking lot project and the additional spaces that will be added. The updated cost is just over a \$96,000 increase. Tom Holt asked about the zoning behind the Desmet property and if there were any issues with adding parking spaces behind the house. Luke was unsure but would check into it to make sure everything was approved. Alecia Kozisek made a motion to approve the increased parking lot construction costs subject to the zoning being in line and approved. Rich Griffith seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Rich Griffith made a motion to go into Executive Session. Cristy Kinghorn seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Tom Holt made a motion to end the Executive Session at 7:40 P.M. Rich Griffith seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Alecia Kozisek made a motion to adjourn the regular Board meeting. Cristy Kinghorn seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cristy Kinghorn, Secretary