

MINUTES OF  
A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITRUS COUNTY HOSPITAL BOARD

**SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.**

(1) CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Citrus County Hospital Board of Trustees was held Monday, **September 16th, 2024**, in the Conference Room at 123 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida 34450. Chairman Dr. Mark Fallows called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

(2) PUBLISHED MEETING LEGAL NOTICE

*(Agenda & Published Legal notice Copies On File)*

(3) QUORUM PRESENT

(4) ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present:

Dr. Mark Fallows (Chairman)  
Dr. Jeffrey Wallis (Trustee)  
Rick Harper (Trustee)

Board Members Not Present:

Allan Bartell (Vice-Chairman/Secretary/Treasurer)

Also in attendance:

William Grant, Esq. (CCHB General Counsel)  
Judy Dunn (CCHB Administrative Assistant)  
Kaylee Flaherty (CCHB Administrative Assistant)  
Richard Powell (CCHB CPA) via Zoom

(5) PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

(6) BUDGET HEARING

Richard Powell (via Zoom) presented the 2024/2025 Budget Proposal with Narrative.

Discussion Ensued.

**MOTION by Mr. Harper to accept the Proposed Budget, second by Dr. Wallis. No further discussion, the Motion passed unanimously, 3 -0.**

Resolution 2024-01 was executed by Chairman Dr. Fallows and Trustee Dr. Wallis.

(7) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION by Dr. Wallis to accept the Minutes, second by Mr. Harper. No further discussion, the Motion passed unanimously, 3 -0.**

(8) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The July and August 2024 Finance Reports were presented.

Discussion ensued regarding the Finance Reports.

**MOTION by Mr. Harper to accept Finance Reports for July and August 2024 as presented, second by Dr. Wallis. No further discussion, the Motion passed unanimously, 3 -0.**

July and August 2024 CCHB invoices were presented. The invoices are as follows:

- Citrus Real Estate Investments 1, LLC for September and October 2024 rent in the amount of \$800.00 (\$400 for each month).
- Powell Consulting for services 8/13/2024-8/27/2024 in the amount of \$2,025.00.
- Powell Consulting for services 9/3/2024-9/11/2024 in the amount of \$2,850.00.
- Karen Schapira, PPLC for August services in the amount of \$5745.00.
- Shepard, Smith, Kohlmyer, & Hand for July services in the amount of \$420.00.
- Shepard, Smith, Kohlmyer, & Hand for August services in the amount of \$840.00.
- Regions Bank Card for supplies in the amount of \$168.28.
- Century Link for Telephone/Internet in the amount of \$256.21.

**MOTION by Mr. Harper to approve payment of CCHB invoices, second by Dr. Wallis. No further discussion, the Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.**

(9) LEGAL

Mr. Grant presented an email sent by Bobby Moran, asking about the status of the JP Morgan escrow account. Mr. Grant stated that the final case has been re-filed and has been reinstated in DOAH- the FL Div of Administrative Hearings and Trial should begin January-March of 2025.

Mr. Grant presented a Memo from Karen Schapira and advised that Cliff Shepard will now be the Trial litigator.

FINRA update states Raymond James has responded and would like to settle this matter quickly and efficiently.

Mr. Grant stated the Cell Phone Tower lease has been voted on and approved by the Highland Medical Park HOA.

**MOTION by Mr. Harper to retroactively approve the cellphone tower at the request of HCA, second by Dr. Wallis. A discussion ensued.**

Dr. Wallis asked about potential liability. Mr. Grant stated that liability is fully covered under the contract and is insured.

Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

Mr. Grant provided a response from the State of Florida Reemployment Assistance Program, in reference to Mireya Diaz. The response stated, "The employer has met the requirements of the law for noncharging of benefits paid in connection with this claim." The claim has been closed with the State.

Mr. Grant provided the employee evaluation for Judy Dunn. Mr. Grant asked the trustees to return the completed form.

Crystal Barton, CCCC executive director, provided a letter requesting the Board appoint a designated representative. Dr. Fallows, by consensus, stated to continue with the status quo from last year.

A resignation letter was presented by Crystal Barton, from Michael J. Tringali. A request from CCCC to appoint Ernesto (Tito) Rubio as interim for the October Annual Meeting for the Public Seat.

**MOTION by Dr. Wallis to approve Ernesto (Tito) Rubio as interim at the request of CCCC, second by Mr. Harper.**

Discussion ensued.

Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

D&O insurance renewal application was presented.

**MOTION by Dr. Wallis to approve the issuance and payment premium of D&O insurance, second by Mr. Harper. No further discussion, the Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.**

Mr. Grant asked for a mileage reimbursement, in reference to his meeting with Senator Ingolia in Brooksville, regarding CCHB business.

(10) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### Doctors' Free Clinic

Executive Director, Karla Polous, presented the VHCPP Report Form 2023-2024.

### CCCCF

Executive Director, Crystal Barton stated the annual budget was approved and their portfolio has increased. The next CCCC meeting is scheduled for October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.

(11) NEW BUSINESS

### 10 Year Anniversary Celebration

Mr. Grant presented the Invitation/Save the Date from HCA. Mr. Grant asked Dr. Fallows to dedicate a CCHB speaker for the event. Dr. Fallows asked if an op-ed could be put in the newspaper before the event, showcasing the positive impact HCA has made in the community during the last 10 years. A spreadsheet was provided by Mr. Grant presenting the total taxes (millions) paid by HCA, and how those taxes have helped the community.

The CCHB 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter meetings are set on:

- October 28, 2024
- November 18, 2024
- December 2, 2024
- December 16, 2024

**(12) TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

None.

**(13) OTHER**

**(14) ADJOURMENT**

**MOTION by Mr. Harper, second by Dr. Wallis to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0.**

Respectfully Submitted,



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Allan Bartell  
Secretary/ Treasurer

1. September 16th, 2024, Agenda.
2. Proof of Publication of Legal Notice.
3. CCHB Proposed Budget for 2025.
4. Minutes from July 29th, 2024.
5. Finance Reports for July 2024.
6. Finance Reports for August 2024.
7. List of Invoices for Approval for July and August 2024.
8. Karen Schapira PLLC Memo 9.12.2024.
9. Email from Philip Snyderburn regarding FINRA
10. Response from Florida Commerce Letter
11. Employee Evaluation
12. Letter from CCCC
13. Letter of Resignation from Michael Tringali
14. D&O Insurance Renewal Application
15. Drs Free Clinic VHCOO Report Form 2023-2024
16. CCHB and HCA Save the Date - Draft
17. HCA taxes paid since October 2014