

MINUTES OF
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CITRUS COUNTY HOSPITAL BOARD

NOVEMBER 10, 2021 6:00 P.M.

(1) CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Citrus County Hospital Board of Trustees was held Wednesday, November 10, 2021, in the Conference Room of the Law Office Grant & Dozier located at 123 N. Apopka Ave., Inverness, Florida. Chairwoman Ressler called the meeting to order at 6:00P.M.

(2) PUBLISHED MEETING LEGAL NOTICE

(Agenda & Published Legal notice Copies On File)

(3) QUORUM PRESENT

COVID-19: All attendees to the meeting were required to use hand sanitizer. Social distancing was implemented and all persons were required to stay at least 6 feet apart, including Trustees and staff. The conference/meeting room was cleaned and sanitized pre and post meeting.

(4) ATTENDANCE

Board Members: Debbie Ressler (Chairwoman); Dr. Mark Fallows (Vice-Chairman); Dr. Jeff Wallis (Secretary/Treasurer); Allan Bartell (Trustee) and Rick Harper (Trustee)

Also in attendance:

William Grant, Esq. (General Counsel)
Karla Dozier (Administrative Assistant)

Members of the Public: Fred Hiers (Citrus County Chronicle).

(5) PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

(7) OTHER

Mrs. Ressler stated that she attended the CCCC Personel Committee meetings and volunteered to help training the person selected. The Personnel Committee selected four (4) candidates and will start the interview process on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 and there is a possibility that the CCCC Board could hire someone at their meeting on Thursday, November 18, 2021.

Mrs. Ressler presented and requested approval of the CCHB invoices and invoices paid by the CCHB on behalf of the FRC. *(Attached Copy)*

MOTION by Dr. Wallis, second by Mr. Bartell to approve payment of the CCHB invoices and approve CCHB payment of the invoices o/b/o FRC as presented. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Dr. Fallows entered the meeting at 6:07pm.

The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Citrus County Hospital Board and the Salvation Army has been signed. The CCHB will issue the check when the Salvation Army sends their invoice.

Mrs. Ressler met with Dr. Desai regarding the Veterans Village of Citrus County (VVCC) regarding the terms of the MOU. Also, the CCHB needs to name a member(s) to the Board to be the representative on the VVCC Board. Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Dr. Wallis, second by Mr. Harper to authorize Dr. Mark Fallows to be representative of the Citrus County Hospital on the VVCC bank account. Also, authorize Mr. Allan Bartell to be the representative of the CCHB on the VVCC Board. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Mrs. Ressler asked the Board to authorize Mrs. Dozier to have access to (view only) the VVCC account.

MOTION by Dr. Wallis, second by Mr. Bartell to authorize the CCHB Administrative Assistant Karla Dozier to have access to the VVCC bank account, view only. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

(6) HEALTH CARE INITIATIVE

Mrs. Ressler presented to the Board a Health care initiative to provide scholarships to students seeking a health science degree at the Central Florida State College (CFSC) (*Attached Copy*). The student has to be a resident of Citrus County; must be enrolled on Citrus Campus of CFSC and the scholarship will be the last dollar amount of financial aid. Also, Mrs. Ressler presented a list of all the current programs the CFSC has to offer in the medical field. (*Attached Copy*)

In addition with a \$1M endowment, the CCHB can name a building on the CFSC Campus that in this case would be Building C4. Chairperson Mrs. Ressler suggested Senator Charlie Dean's name for his many contributions to Citrus County. Information about who is Charlie Dean was distributed to the Board. (*Attached Copy*)

Dr. Fallows stated that he couldn't find a more deserving person than Senator Dean who was the architect to stop the Citrus Memorial Health Foundation wasteful spending to maintain a failing hospital; save Citrus County taxpayers several millions of dollars each year. The Lease of the Hospital benefited the citizens of Citrus County because the two (2) hospitals now compete to have the best equipment and personnel.

Mr. Harper noted that he also supports Mrs. Ressler's health care initiative, because this money will help students who are trying to do better in life.

Mrs. Ressler noted that CFSC will meet in December and they will have to agree to any proposal that the CCHB shall make for the endowment. This initiative will benefit everyone, the students, the two (2) hospitals and the citizens.

The CCHB authorized Mr. Grant to direct a draft a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) pledging a \$1M endowment to the Central Florida State College.

MOTION by Mr. Harper, second by Dr. Fallows to Endow \$1M to the Central Florida State College Foundation to fund scholarships to Citrus County residents seeking a health science degree at the CFSC Citrus Campus. Also, to name the C4 building at the Citrus Campus after Senator Charlie Dean and authorize the Chairperson to sign. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

After discussion the Board authorized Mr. Grant to engage in conversation with the college for a possibility of additional endowment funding. The Board agreed to send an invitation to the CFSC to attend the January 2022 meeting to make a presentation.

MOTION by Mr. Bartell, second by Dr. Wallis to authorize Mr. Grant to have talks with CFSC regarding additional endowment funding. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

(8) NEXT SCHEDULE MEETING DATE

The next meeting schedule for Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 6:00pm in the Conference Room of the Annex Building, 123 S. Pine Ave. Inverness, Florida.

(9) ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Dr. Fallows, second by Mr. Harper to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jeff Wallis, MD.
Secretary/Treasurer

11.10.2021 Minutes Copy on File:

1. Agenda & Public Notice

11.10.2021 Minutes Attached copy

1. CCHB list of Invoices
2. Propose Health care initiative
3. List of the College of Central Florida Science Health Degrees
4. Senator Charlie Dean Info