

MINUTES OF
THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITRUS COUNTY HOSPITAL BOARD

APRIL 26, 2021 6:00 P.M.

(1) CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Citrus County Hospital Board of Trustees was held Monday, April 26, 2021, in the Conference Room of the Annex Building located at 123 S. Pine 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. Jeff Wallis (Secretary/Treasurer); Allan Bartell (Trustee) and Rick Harper (Trustee)

Attendance via telephone: Dr. Mark Fallows (Vice-Chairman)

Also in attendance:

William Grant, Esq. (General Counsel)

Taylor Ford, Esq.

Fritz Wermuth, Esq.

Members of the Public: Ernesto Rubio (Citrus County Health Department), Tica Harper, Karla Poulos and Fred Hiers (Citrus County Chronicle)

(5) PUBLIC COMMENT

Presentation of Doctors' Free Clinic of Citrus County (DFCCC)

Dr. Wallis and Mr. Rubio presented the concept and plans for the Doctors Free Clinic of Citrus County (DFCCC). A printed packet was distributed as well as a power point presentation. Primarily, the free clinic will be open to citizens of Citrus County in need of health care services. This is a State of Florida registered 501-C3 organization.

The Board has already begun to receive monetary donations as well as health care services from licensed health care professionals; all as volunteers to date. Dr. Wallis stressed that Sovereign Immunity has been established for those involved and it is believed that such status will enhance licensed professionals participation. The Clinic is currently seeing clients on the first Saturday of the month at the Citrus County Health Department. *(Attached copy)*

After lengthy discussion and question/answer session, a motion was made.

MOTION by Mr. Harper, second by Mr. Bartell to "lease" the CCHB Properties on US Hwy 44 for a nominal yearly lease (\$1.00-one/year) for an extended period of time. CCHB further authorizes the formulation of a MOU. This MOU will be presented to both the Clinic representatives and the CCHB in the near future. Dr. Wallis expressed a conflict of interest in respect to voting on the issue and will therefore NOT vote. After discussion, the Motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Grant informed the CCHB that Attorney Cliff Shepard will compose the draft of the MOU with DFCCC. CCHB consented and agreed.

(6) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Mr. Bartell, second by Dr. Wallis to approve the Minutes from the March 23, 2021 Regular Meeting. After discussion, the Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

(7) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

a) Approval of the Finance Report for March 2021: Ms. Ressler presented the Finance Report for March 2021. (Copy on file)

MOTION by Dr. Fallows, second by Mr. Bartell to approve the Finance Report for March 2021. The Motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

b) Approval of the Citrus County Hospital Board Invoices:

Mrs. Ressler presented the invoices for April 2021. (Copy on file)

MOTION by Dr. Fallows, second by Mr. Bartell to approve payment of the CCHB invoices for April 2021 as presented. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

c) Approval of Invoices paid by the Citrus County Hospital Board o/b/o FRC:

Mrs. Ressler presented a list of invoices to be considered for payment by the Citrus County Hospital Board o/b/o FRC for approval. (Copy on file)

MOTION by Dr. Wallis, second by Mr. Bartell to approve CCHB payment of the invoices o/b/o FRC as presented. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

d) Other:

Mrs. Ressler presented an updated Lease Proceeds report of the three (3) Escrow accounts (two at Fifth Third Bank and one at JP Morgan). (Copy on file)

(9) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

➤ Foundation Resolution Corporation Update: Mrs. Ressler presented to the Board the list of the Foundation's invoices. (Copy on file)

MOTION by Mr. Bartell second by Dr. Fallows to approve the list of FRC invoices as presented. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Citrus County Community Charitable Foundation (CCCCF) Update: Mrs. Ressler informed the Board that we received two (2) applications and copy of the applicants resume (Attached copy) seeking the vacant seat that

will on the CCCC Board. Discussion ensued and CCHB appointed Patricia Thomas. Mrs. Ressler will notify both applicants as well the CCCC Board of the CCHB decision.

MOTION by Mr. Bartell second by Dr. Fallows to appoint Patricia V. Thomas as a representative of the public to the Citrus County Community Charitable Foundation vacant seat. Her term will begin in April 2021 through November 2022. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

➤ **Real Estate Update:** Pursuant to the Doctors' Free Clinic of Citrus County presentation; Mr. Grant will notify Mr. Morton of this intended venture/use of the land and remove the MLS listing of the CCHB real property.

(8) LEGAL

Mr. Grant presented a recent inquiry from Citrus County regarding acquiring of the Hospital owned/HCA leased property on State Hwy 491. Mr. Grant received CCHB approval to proceed with an evaluation of said properties. Upon receipt of such information will discuss with HCA to determine process moving forward.

Lifestream has recently contacted the CCHB, via Mr. Grant, in furthering discussion and progress of CCHB being a potential partner in the development of a County owned building. Lifestream commitment for behavioral Health service in Citrus County is to take place therein. Anticipated for BOCC to discuss and complete MOU between County and Lifestream, once completed then Mr. Grant will pursue further information and provide to CCHB during future meetings.

Attorney Ford updated the Board regarding the court proceeding with lawsuit between FRC and AON. Also, Mr. Grant and Attorney Ford presented the Court ordered rulings and the next course of action. Discussion ensued. CCHB was approached by AON to discuss complete resolution.

MOTION by Mr. Harper, second by Dr. Wallis to authorize CCHB to join with FRC in any agreement to forego any appeal if AON and Alight do not seek Attorney fees and costs, thereby each party pays their own attorney fees and costs. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Mr. Grant distributed to the Board a Memorandum from Attorney Schapira with an update of indemnification matters dated April 26, 2021. (Attached copy)

➤ **Medicaid Recoupment:** There is discrepancy in the total amount due by CMHI and AHCA. The difference is \$490,817.23 and Attorney Schapira suggested holding the higher amount of \$5,888,357.10 until we settle this matter. CCHB is further information awaiting to resolve the last indemnification matter.

Attorney Schapira also informed the Board that different consultants are reviewing the information and after gathering the information by the consultant it became apparent that AHCA failed to provide all the information requested. In addition, Attorney Schapira needs the information used by CMH to prepare the cost reports and she will request directly from CMHI.

(10) NEW BUSINESS

None.

(11) TRUSTEE COMMENTS

None.

(12) OTHER

None.

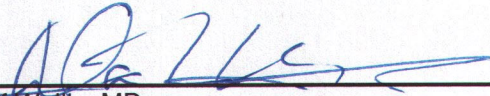
(13) NEXT SCHEDULE MEETING DATE

The Board will schedule Board meetings in conjunction with the FRC for May 17, 24 and June 01, 2021 at 6:00pm in the Conference Room of the Annex Building, 123 S. Pine Ave. Inverness, Florida.

(14) 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

04.26.2021 Minutes Copy on File:

1. Agenda & Public Notice
2. CCHB Finance Report
3. CCHB list of Invoices
4. List of Invoice o/b/o FRC
5. Report of Escrow accounts
6. FRC list of invoices

04.26.2021 Minutes Attached copy

1. Applicants Resume for CCCC appointment
2. Presentation by Doctors' Free Clinic of Citrus County
3. Memorandum from Attorney Schapira regarding indemnification (04-26-2021)