

MINUTES OF  
THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITRUS COUNTY HOSPITAL BOARD

**AUGUST 16, 2021 6:00 P.M.**

(1) CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Citrus County Hospital Board of Trustees was held Monday, August 16, 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. Mark Fallows (Vice-Chairman) and Dr. Jeff Wallis (Secretary/Treasurer);

*Attendance via telephone:* Allan Bartell (Trustee)

*Absent Board Member:* 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.

(6) BUDGET WORKSHOP

Mrs. Ressler presented the proposed Citrus County Hospital Board Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Discussion ensued and no changes were made. *(Copy on file)*

(7) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION** by Dr. Fallows, second by Dr. Wallis to approve the Minutes from the June 24, 2021 Regular Meeting. After discussion, the Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

**(8) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

a) Approval of the Finance Report for June & July 2021: Mrs. Ressler presented the Finance Report for June & July 2021. (Copy on file)

**MOTION** by Dr. Wallis, second by Mr. Bartell to approve the Finance Report for June & July 2021. The Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

b) Approval of the Citrus County Hospital Board Invoices:

Mrs. Ressler presented the invoices for July & August 2021. (Copy on file)

**MOTION** by Dr. Wallis, second by Dr. Fallows to approve payment of the CCHB invoices for July & August 2021 as presented. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

c) 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)

**(10) UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

**MOTION** by Dr. Fallows second by Dr. Wallis to approve the list of FRC invoices as presented. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

➤ Citrus County Community Charitable Foundation (CCCCF) Update: Mrs. Ressler stated that CCCCCF Board will have their meeting August 26, 2021. The CCCCCF Board awarded some of the requests made by the College of Central Florida (CF) to fund the first year program start-up costs for a new associate degree. Also, the CCCCCF By-Laws Committee would review their By-Laws.

**(9) LEGAL**

The State Audit is over and an email was sent to Senator Simpson and Representative Massullo.

Dr. Kaushal approached HCA expressing his desire to buy property on Pine Ave that is part of the CCHB lease. In June, CCHB authorized exploring the idea of a sale; HCA did a Fair Market Value (FMV) to the property and the amount came back at approximately \$440K.

**MOTION** by Dr. Wallis, second by Dr. Fallows to proceed with the sale of the property to Dr. Kaushal. Also, Dr. Kaushal will incur all the costs (including attorney fees) associated with the transaction. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Mr. Grant presented to the Board an email sent by Attorney Helinger regarding the domain (Attached copy) HCA will have conference call with Attorney Helinger to discuss the proposals from the BOCC for the 491 project.

The CCHB received a notice of non renewal. Mr. Grant contacted Mr. Hagar to proactively look for a new D&O insurance and last Friday Mr. Grant received a fax from Mr. Hagar. (Attached copy) Mr. Grant asked the Board to approve the binding of the CCHB primary D&O insurance and the excess insurance up to a \$50K and he recommended continuing with the same coverage.

**MOTION** by Dr. Wallis, second by Dr. Fallows to approve the binding of the Primary D&O insurance and the excess policy up to \$50K with the same coverage and authorize the Chairman to sign. After discussion the motion passed unanimously, 4 -0.

Helping Hands submitted their update on the grants the CCHB awarded to organizations in 2019 and Mr. Grant was asked to review the supporting documentation to verify if it comports with the guidelines of the grant. After his review Mr. Grant stated that the update on how the money was spent comports with the CCHB guidelines.

Josh Moore (COO of the Hospital) contacted Mr. Grant regarding a concern the HCA had with the property that was sold to Dr. Desai. After reviewing the documentation, HCA will fix their issue with Dr. Desai.

Mr. Grant informed the Board that according to the Florida Bar he can destroy his records after 7 years and asked the Board's authorization. Law Office of Grant & Dozier provided all original in their possession to the Citrus County Hospital Board, which includes, but it's not limited to the 2002 Bonds (volume 1 & 2).

**MOTION** by Dr. Wallis second by Dr. Fallows to approve the destruction of records. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Mr. Grant distributed to the Board a Memorandum from Attorney Schapira with an update of indemnification matters dated August 16, 2021. *(Attached copy)*

➤ **Medicaid Recoupment:** HCA was unable to retrieve the information requested and Attorney Schapira will try to find another way to support the FRC position that no money is owed to Medicaid.

On July 19, 2021, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) sent a letter to Mr. Stillwell (FRC General Counsel) regarding a Voluntary Self-Referral Disclosure. Mr. Stillwell contacted Mr. Grant regarding a self report issue *(Attached copy)* after reviewing the documentation and discussion by the legal team Mr. Grant recommended the Board consider hiring Attorney Kristin Bohl from Baker, Donelson, Bearman & Caldwell who is an expert in self reporting issues. Also, Mr. Grant stated that her fees will be negotiated to be at the same rate as Mr. Burks.

The Board asked what will be the best option for the FRC and their recommendation is to draft our withdrawal from the CMS Voluntary Self-Referral Disclosure Protocol (SRDP). Discussion ensued.

**MOTION** by Dr. Fallows, second by Dr. Wallis to hire Attorney Kristin Bohl from Baker, Donelson, Berman & Caldwell to resolve the CMS Self Reporting from the Foundation Resolution Corporation and accept her rate of pay as the same as Attorney Burks. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Mr. Stillwell sent a memorandum to Mr. Powell *(Attached copy)* requesting an estimate of fees for filling IRS papers of the FRC assuming that September 30, 2021 will be the last day of doing business.

The CCHB will open a new account in Cadence Bank to transfer the money from the two (2) Fifth Third Bank escrow accounts and discussion ensued about the lower interest rates in the market.

The Salvation Army sent an email to Mr. Grant *(Attached copy)* requesting a change of language in the Memo of Understanding (MOU) between the CCHB and the Salvation Army. The Salvation Army wants language that the Mobil Canteen can leave Citrus County in emergency circumstances that include natural disaster or other declared disaster.

Also, the Salvation Army stated that their Territorial Headquarters will pay 40% of the costs of the Mobil Canteen and CCHB will pay the remaining 60%. The Salvation Army inquired if the CCHB would be interested in applying their other 40% toward the costs of a new building they want to construct to house the Mobile Canteen.

**MOTION** by Dr. Wallis, second by Dr. Fallows to approve the language change requested by the Salvation Army in the Memorandum of Understanding between the Citrus County Hospital Board and the Salvation Army, 4-0.

**(11) NEW BUSINESS**

➤ Approval of Records Disposition that have met their assigned retention periods: Mrs. Ressler requested the Board's approval to dispose of Citrus County Hospital Board records. (Copy on file)

**MOTION** by Dr. Wallis, second by Dr. Fallows to dispose of the records as presented. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

**(11) TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

None.

**(12) OTHER**

None.

**(13) NEXT SCHEDULE MEETING DATE**

The Board will schedule new meeting dates for October, November and December 2021. The next meeting will be Monday, September 20, 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 Dr. Wallis to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Jeff Wallis, MD.  
Secretary/Treasurer

08.16.2021 Minutes Copy on File:

1. Agenda & Public Notice
2. CCHB Finance Report
3. CCHB list of Invoices
4. Report of Escrow accounts
5. FRC list of invoices

08.16.2021 Minutes Attached copy

1. Email from Attorney Helinger (domain)
2. Fax from The Hagar Group
3. Memorandum from Attorney Schapira
4. Letter from CMS and Memorandum from Clark Stillwell
5. Memorandum from Clark Stillwell, Esq. (FRC) to Richard Powell
6. Email from the Salvation Army