

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MONTGOMERY COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Montgomery County Hospital District was duly convened at 6:00 p.m., October 28, 2008 in the administrative offices of the Montgomery County Hospital District, 200 River Pointe Suite 200, Conroe, Montgomery County, Texas

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 4:05 p.m.

2. Invocation

Invocation was led by Mr. Hennigan

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Fawn

4. Roll Call

Present:

Mr. Fawn

Mr. Bourgeois

Mr. Hennigan

Ms. Whatley

Mrs. Wagner

Absent:

Mr. Posey

Mr. Ambrosia

5. Public Comments

None

6. Special Recognition

- **Employee of the Month**

Do to scheduling issues deferred to next meeting

7. Consider and act on ratification of contracts with additional network providers for indigent care (Mrs. Wagner, Chair-Indigent Care Committee)

Mr. Gauen, Gauen & Associates, led discussions regarding new contracts. Mrs. Wagner moved to accept the contracts. Ms. Whatley offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

8. **CEO Report to include Hurricane response and reimbursement, legislative update, employee policy, benefits, and satisfaction, real property and construction, and local/regional healthcare matters**

Mr. Johnson presented a report which included discussion on the above items. No action was taken.

9. **Consider and act on Retirement Plan proposal for employees hired prior to April 20, 1998 and/or meeting eligibility requirements for retirement (Ms. Whatley, Chair-Personnel Committee)**

Ms. Whatley made a motion to pass the resolution. Mrs. Wagner offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

10. **Consider and act on affirmation of the District Personnel Policy Manual (Ms. Whatley, Chair-Personnel Committee)**

Ms. Whatley made a motion to pass the policy manual with the following amendment: 10-104 paragraph one should read within 180 days of separation instead of 180 days of separate. Mr. Hennigan offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

11. **Consider and act on a request from Montgomery County to withdrawal from the Interlocal Agreement for 800 MHZ Trunking Communication System (Mr. Fawn, Chair-PADCOM Committee)**

Mr. Fawn made a motion to allow the county to withdraw from the radio system effective September 30, 2008 and pay them their prorated share of the capital replacement fund. Mr. Hennigan offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

12. **EMS Director Allen Sims' Report to include performance measures, staff activities, and community events**

Mr. Sims gave a report which included discussion on the above items. No action was taken.

13. **Consider and act on purchase of vehicles including Logistics Van, Ambulance Chassis, and Supervisor Vehicles (Mr. Posey, Chair-EMS Committee)**

Mr. Fawn made a motion that we accept the proposal to remount 8 chassis this fiscal year. Mr. Hennigan offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

14. **Consider and act on Ambulance remounts (Mr. Posey, Chair-EMS Committee)**

Mr. Fawn made a motion to accept the proposal for remounts not to exceed \$406,130.50 and an unplanned remount not to exceed \$38,000.00 money to come from surplus fiscal year 2008 funds. Ms. Whatley offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

15. Consider and act on recommendations from PADCOM regarding current and potential injury prevention programs (Mr. Fawn, Chair-PADCOM Committee)

Mr. Fawn made a motion to pass the recommendations of the PADCOM committee to allow Montgomery County Hospital District's involvement in injury prevention programs. Ms. Whatley offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

16. Consider and act on recommendations from PADCOM regarding a subscription plan as an option for EMS billing (Mr. Fawn, Chair-PADCOM Committee)

Mr. Fawn discussed the findings of the PADCOM committee and advised the PADCOM committee does not recommend Montgomery County Hospital District develop a subscription program. No action was taken on this item.

17. Consider and act on recommendations from PADCOM regarding land lease and/or purchase for EMS stations (Mr. Fawn, Chair-PADCOM Committee)

Mr. Fawn made a motion to proceed with lease, investigate purchase of property and have it appraised. Mr. Hennigan offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

18. Consider and act on purchase of portable radios (Mr. Posey, Chair-EMS Committee)

Mr. Hennigan moved to purchase the M/A-Com radios which are a budgeted item. Mr. Fawn offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

19. Consider and act on purchase of Dodge Truck Chassis for FaST Department (Mr. Posey, Chair-EMS Committee)

Mr. Hennigan made a motion to purchase the Dodge Truck Chassis with the caveat that staff chooses appropriate seat cover not to exceed \$28,388. It is a budgeted item and within budget. Mr. Fawn offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

20. Healthcare Assistance Program Coordinator Penny Buchanan's Report to include regulatory update, outreach, eligibility, service, and utilization

Ms. Buchanan gave a report which included discussion on the above items. No action was taken.

21. Consider and act on Healthcare Assistance Program claims from Non-UPL providers processed by Boon-Chapman (Mrs. Wagner, Chair - Indigent Care Committee)

Mrs. Wagner moved to ratify claims by Non-UPL providers processed by Boon-Chapman. Ms. Whatley offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

- 22. Consider and act on estimate of voluntary contributions to the UPL account of Healthcare Assistance Program claims processed by Boon Chapman (Mrs. Wagner, Chair-Indigent Care Committee)**

Mrs. Wagner made a motion to act on estimate of voluntary contributions to the UPL account of Healthcare Assistance Program claims processed by Boon Chapman. Ms. Whatley offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

- 23. Consider and act on a contract with Scott and White Prescription Services for pharmacy benefit management services (Mrs. Wagner, Chair-Indigent Care Committee)**

Mrs. Wagner requested item be tabled.

- 24. Presentation of Financial Report for year ended September 30, 2008 – Michael J. Nicknish, CFO, Report to include Financial Summary, Balance Sheet, Income Statement, Supporting Statements, and EMS Billing Information**

Mr. Nicknish gave a report which included discussion of above items. No action was taken.

- 25. Presentation of Investment Report for the quarter ended September 30, 2008 – Michael J. Nicknish, CFO, Report to include Book and Market Value and Earnings Percentage Yield**

Mr. Nicknish gave a report which included discussion of above items. No action was taken.

- 26. Consider and act on Budget Amendment to transfer funds between accounts and departments related to professional fees for construction of EMS stations (Mr. Posey, Chair – Finance, Budget and Audit Committee)**

Ms. Whatley made a motion to approve the budget amendment. Mr. Hennigan offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

- 27. Consider and act on ratification of District invoices (Mr. Posey, Treasurer - MCHD Board)**

Mrs. Wagner moved to ratify the invoices. Ms. Whatley offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

- 28. Consider and act on salvage and surplus equipment (Mr. Posey, Treasurer-MCHD Board)**

Ms. Whatley made a motion to declare items salvage and surplus. Mrs. Wagner offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

29. **Secretary's Report - consider and act on minutes for September 23, 2008 Regular Board and August 21, 2008 Public Meeting and Public Hearing Meetings (2) (Mrs. Wagner, Secretary-MCHD Board)**

Mrs. Wagner made a motion to pass the above mentioned minutes. Ms. Whatley offered a second and the motion passed unanimously after discussion.

30. **Convene into executive session per section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code to discuss with legal counsel matters pertaining to potential litigation involving EMS lien complaint**

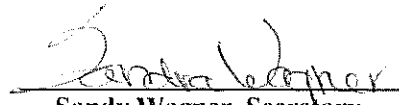
Convened into executive session at 6:09 p.m.

31. **Reconvene from executive session and deliberate and take action as necessary on matters pertaining to potential litigation involving EMS lien complaint**

Reconvened from executive session at

Mr. Bourgeois moved that we accept the settlement of \$500. Ms. Whatley offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

32. **Adjourn**


Sandy Wagner, Secretary