

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
WINNIE-STOWELL HOSPITAL DISTRICT**

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Winnie-Stowell Hospital District (“District”) was noticed and filed pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act a full 72 hours prior to the opening of said meeting for 9:00<sup>a.m.</sup>~~p.m.~~ on the 2nd of May, 2017 at the Winnie Community Hospital (“Hospital”) Conference Room, Broadway, Winnie Texas (a copy of said Notice being placed amongst the files of the District).

The roll was called of the members of the Board, to wit:

Ed Murrell, President  
Jeff Rollo, Vice-President  
Raul Espinosa, Secretary  
Sharon Burgess, Director  
Anthony Stramecki, Director

All said Board members were present with the exception of Sharon Burgess. In addition, to the above named Board members, also present at the meeting were: Sherrie Norris, District Administrator; Yani Jiminez, Indigent Care Director; Hubert Oxford, IV, General Counsel, participated by conference call; and Wade Thibodeaux, Hometown Press.

At approximately 9:02 a.m., a quorum was established and President Murrell made introductions that were followed by a request for public comment. There being no public comment, President Murrell asked the Board to address Agenda Item No. 3, to discuss and take action, if necessary, on matters concerning settlement offer from the State of Texas for Eligibility Period 1 and 2 of the Minimum Payment Amount Program. Attorney Oxford was called on to explain. According to Attorney Oxford, there were four (4) Non-State Owned Governmental Organizations (“NSGOs”), Baylor County Hospital District; Booker Hospital District; Mitchel County Hospital District; and Sterling County, Texas that participated in the Minimum Payment Amount Program (“MPAP”) who were asked to

refund a portion of their MPAP proceeds because the calculations by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission's calculations demonstrated that they were overpaid. However, these NSOGs had a compelling argument that they were actually underpaid and should be entitled to a significant settlement. Despite this, the four (4) NSGOs agreed to sign the settlement agreement submitted by the Texas Health and Human Services Department to the participating NSGOs and return them by May 3, 2017 if they were paid a total of \$1,067,282.08 by the top twenty (20) NSGOs receiving settlement funds by the end of the business on May 3, 2017. Since the District was included in the group of the top twenty (20) NSGOs receiving settlement funds, the District was asked to pay a proportionate share of the funds to the four Districts which amounted to \$63,882.91. Therefore, attorney Oxford requested the President be given authority to enter into a settlement agreement with Baylor County Hospital District; Booker Hospital District; Mitchel County Hospital District; and Sterling County, Texas and agree that the District pay the requested settlement funds. (*See Exhibit "A"*). Following this request, a motion was made by Director Stramecki to approve the execution of the settlement agreement and to pay the final amount required to fund the District's share of this settlement, not to exceed \$64,000.00. This motion was seconded by Director Espinosa and passed with the unanimous consent of all Board members present.

After the discussion the settlement agreement with the four (4) NSGOs, President Murrell called on Attorney asked the Board to address agenda Item No. 4, to discuss and take action, if necessary, on adopting a credit use and reporting policy for the District. Administrator Norris explained that Prosperity Bank requested a credit card policy and Attorney Oxford explained that this policy is also something that an auditor would need for the 2017 Audit. As such, the two presented the Board with a proposed policy and explained some highlights such as proper credit

card uses; credit limits; and requirement that credit card statements must be approved by the Board with supporting documentation and receipts. (See **Exhibit “B”**). At the conclusion of this presentation, Director Stramecki made a motion to approve the credit policy set forth in Exhibit “B” with both the Administrator and President each having \$5,000.00. This motion was seconded by Director Espinosa with the unanimous approval of all Board members present.

There being no other business, President Murrell advised the Board that the next Regularly Scheduled Board meeting would be on April 19, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. At 945 <sup>9.m.</sup>~~p.m.~~, a motion was then made by Director Espinosa to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded by Director Rollo, with the unanimous consent of all Board members.

  
Edward Murrell, President

  
Jeff Rollo, Vice-President