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There was a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of G. B. Cooley Hospital Service District held on <u>Thursday</u>, <u>January 11</u>, <u>2024</u>, at 4:30 PM in the Board Room of the G.B. Cooley Administration Building located at 211 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Monroe, LA.

<u>Call to Order:</u> Dan Sartor, Chairperson, called the meeting to order, there being a quorum present.

<u>Board Members Present:</u> Dan Sartor, Cindy Johns, Taronda Goodin, Lynn Wilson, Kenneth Wilson, and Dawn Stanfield

**Board Members Absent:** Jackie Slack

Others Present: Ben Pitts, Connie Page, Jimmy Sanderlin and Chelsea Caldwell

**Prayer:** The invocation was offered by Lynn Wilson.

<u>Public Comments:</u> There were none.

<u>Minutes:</u> The minutes for December 14, 2023, Board meeting were presented. The minutes were previously forwarded to Commissioners. A motion was offered by Kenneth Wilson, seconded by Cindy Johns, and unanimously carried by the Commissioners present to waive the reading of the 12-14-23 minutes. A motion was offered by Dan Sartor, seconded by Kenneth Wilson, and unanimously carried by the Commissioners present to approve the 12-14-23 Board Meeting minutes as presented.

## **New Business:**

A. Review and approve the GBC Behavioral Health positions and wage ranges. Ben Pitts, CEO presented the positions and wage ranges for the new hospital. He briefly explained what would affect the salary range for an employee. He gave an update into how the hiring process was going as well. After a lengthy discussion, any comments or questions were then addressed. A motion was made by Lynn Wilson, seconded by Kenneth Wilson, and unanimously carried by the Commissioners present to adopt and approve the GBC Behavioral Health positions and wage ranges.

B. Approval of surplus vehicle sales

Jimmy Sanderlin, CFO presented the surplus vehicles to be sold. Dan Sartor asked questions regarding the last sell of vehicles. After a brief explanation, a motion was made by Dan Sartor, seconded by Taronda Goodin, and unanimously carried by the Commissioners present to approve the sale of the surplus vehicles.

## **Reports:**

Jimmy Sanderlin, CFO presented the report for the month of November and the two months ending November 30, 2023. Report was for the month of November and the five months ending November 30,2023. Operating Revenues were over budget for the month by \$7,779 and year to date by \$660,933. Operating expenses for the month were over budget by \$51,216 and under budget for the year to date by \$102,291. For the month the expenses exceeded revenue by \$21,852 and for year-to-date revenue exceeded expenses by \$832,391. For expense comparison variances of 5% and \$5,000 were used as the model. Payroll and office equipment were over budget.

Ben Pitts, Hospital Director, presented the December 2023 report. Facility total census was (142) with (112) in community homes; (28) in SIL; (0) in TGH. There were no discharges in December, and (0) were admitted in community homes. Total employees on the payroll at the end of December was (201), with a turnover rate of 2.5%. The Abuse/Neglect report was presented. Ben also provided an update on the hospital project. Comments and questions were addressed.

**Public Comments:** There were none.

Commissioners' Statements/Discussion: There were none.

<u>Adjournment:</u> There being no further business, a motion was offered by Dan Sartor, seconded by Dawn Stanfield, and unanimously carried by the Commissioners present to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:23 PM.

Dan Sartor, Chairperson
G. B. Cooley Board of Commissioners

Ben Pitts, Hospital Director G. B. Cooley Hospital Service District