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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>June 8</u>, <u>2023</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 (by phone), Taronda Goodin, Jackie Slack, Kenneth Wilson, and Dawn Stanfield

**Board Members Absent:** Lynn Wilson

**Others Present:** Ben Pitts, Christian Creed, and Chelsea Caldwell

Prayer: The invocation was offered by Kenneth Wilson.

**Public Comments:** There were none.

<u>Minutes:</u> The minutes for May 11, 2023, Board meeting were presented. The minutes were previously forwarded to Commissioners. A motion was offered by Kenneth Wilson, seconded by Dan Sartor, and unanimously carried by the Commissioners present to waive the reading of the 5-11-23 minutes. A motion was offered by Kenneth Wilson, seconded by Taronda Goodin, and unanimously carried by the Commissioners present to approve the 5-11-23 Board Meeting minutes as presented.

Amend Agenda: A motion was made by Jackie Slack, seconded by Dawn Stanfield, and unanimously carried by the Commissioners present to add the discussion of the Commissioners monthly salary change as presented by Representative Adrian Fisher to the Representatives and Senate. "R.S. 46:1053(C)(2)(j) Proposed law authorizes the governing authority of Ouachita Parish to permit payment of a monthly salary of no more than \$150 per month, in lieu of the per diem authorized by present law, to commissioners of the hospital service district in which the G.B. Cooley Hospital is located." After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Jackie Slack, seconded by Kenneth Wilson, and unanimously carried by the Commissioners present to approve the change of the Commissioners monthly salary, contingent of the Governor's approval.

## **New Business:**

1. Election of the 2023-2024 officers.

After a discussion, a motion was made by Kenneth Wilson, seconded by Taronda Goodin, and unanimously carried by the Commissioners present to re-appoint Dan Sartor as Chairman and Cindy Johns as Co-chairman.

## 2. Consideration of leave policy revision

Ben Pitts, Hospital Director, presented the revisions to the leave policies for compensatory, vacation and sick time. The comp time revisions were presented, it was requested to adjust the maximum accrual to 180 hours per year for salaried employees. A motion was made by Dan Sartor, seconded by Kenneth Wilson, and unanimously carried by the Commissioners present to approve the comp time revisions. The vacation and sick time revisions were then presented. After a discussion, it was added for when an employee retires, they will receive 50% payout of their accrued sick time. A motion was made by Jackie Slack, seconded by Dan Sartor, and unanimously carried by the Commissioners present to approve the changes of the accrual time frame for the vacation and sick time along with the sick leave retirement payout.

## **Reports:**

Ben Pitts presented the Financial Report for the month of March and the nine months ending April 2023. Operating Revenues were under budget for the month at \$28,714 and over budget for the year by \$191,552. Operating expenses for the month were under budget at \$41,876. Year to date was under budget by \$109,228. For the month the revenue exceeded expenses by \$35,743 and year to date revenue exceeded expenses by \$574,622. For expense comparison variances of 5% and \$5,000 were used as the model. No expenses were over budget. Supplies, Maintenance and Utilities were over the threshold.

Ben Pitts, Hospital Director, presented the May report. The facility total census was (142) with (113) in community homes; (29) in SIL; (0) in TGH. There was (2) discharges in May and (0) were admitted in community homes.

Public Comments: There were none.

## **Commissioners' Statements/Discussion:**

<u>Adjournment:</u> There being no further business, a motion was offered by Dan Sartor, seconded by Taronda Goodin, and unanimously carried by the Commissioners present to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:26 PM.

Dan Sartor, Chairperson G. B. Cooley Board of Commissioners Ben Pitts, Hospital Director G. B. Cooley Hospital Service District