

**MONTROSE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SEPTEMBER 4, 2018
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Montrose Memorial Hospital was held **Tuesday, September 4, 2018**, at 2:00 p.m. in the Montrose County Board Room, located at 161 S. Townsend Ave, Montrose, CO, 81401.

Call to Order: The regular meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President Mark Rackay.

Roll call:

Mark Rackay, President	- Present
Tony Lobato, Vice President	- Present
Joe Saunders, Secretary/Treasurer	- Present
George Glasier, Trustee	- Absent
Mark Young, Trustee	- Present (via phone)
Tim Tinaza, Trustee	- Present
Phil Booker, Trustee	- Present

Quorum present.

Also present: Commissioner Keith Caddy
Commissioner Roger Rash
Commissioner Sue Hansen
Allison Mason, Assistant Secretary

Pledge of Allegiance

1.0 Public Comments: None.

2.0 Commissioners Comments: Commissioners Keith Caddy and Sue Hansen gave an update regarding the Western Slope Health Needs task force. Options included leaving things the way they are, combining Basin Clinic with Norwood, or giving Montrose Memorial Hospital a larger role in the management of Basin Clinic. Consultants liked option three, as it would increase Medicare and Medicaid payments to the clinic and to MMHI. However, the hospital is not interested in that option, since it is currently conducting a rural demonstration project that does not allow for changing the bed count. Commissioner Hansen said she and Commissioner Roger Rash spoke with John Brooks, Esq. (attorney for MMHI), who thought there might be a way Basin Clinic could derive higher reimbursements without changing the structure of MMH. The task force is now exploring that option and others. Commissioner Keith Caddy said they would also consider asking Moab, St. Mary's, or Cortez to take on the clinic. If the clinic can be under the hospices of one of the hospitals, its reimbursements would be five times as high as they currently are. Trustee Tim Tinaza asked why MMHI was so quick to reject the idea as presented. Commissioner Roger Rash stated that he thought MMHI's decision was premature and hoped that a consultant could meet with QHR (management for MMH) and present the advantages. Secretary/Treasurer Joe Saunders asked if Moab was an option, and Rash said yes, but only after the possibility of keeping the Clinic in the county had been exhausted.

3.0 MMHI Board of Directors Report: No directors present.

4.0 Consent Agenda:

Approval of Meeting Minutes (4.01) - Minutes presented: August 6, 2018 - Regular

Secretary/Treasurer Joe Saunders moved to approve the agenda and accept the minutes as presented. Trustee Phil Booker seconded. All in favor; none opposed. **Motion carried.**

5.0 Compliance Report(s):

(5.01) Hospital inspections – President Mark Rackay explained that the hospital has been providing housing for transient doctors and student nurses at the rate of \$100 a night at the Holiday Inn. He and Ron Courtney inspected a rented house north of MMH that would be used for the same purpose and cut a great deal of expense.

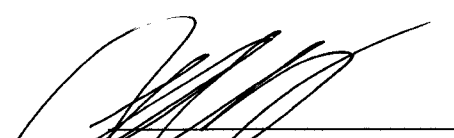
Trustee Phil Booker did two inspections in August. The first tour was of central sterile, where all instruments are sterilized. Instruments come in on one side of the room where all workers wear hazmat suits, are sent through a sterilization process, and come out on the other side, where workers also wear suits to avoid de-sterilizing clean instruments. There are two washers and a third one will be installed soon. Booker said air handling needs to be improved. He also toured lab histology which includes the morgue. There is an upcoming project to improve the air quality in that area, to counteract the disinfectants used.

6.0. New Items: Trustee Mark Young stated that effective at close of business today, he will be resigning his position on the Board of Trustees. He said it was a great pleasure to work with everyone on the board during the last four years and thanked President Mark Rackay and MMHI Board Chair Ron Courtney for their work in reaching a resolution for the Lease Agreement. Rackay thanked Young for his service to the board and to the community.

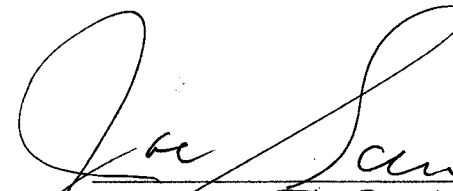
7.0 Old Items: None.

8.0 Financial Report: Secretary/Treasurer Joe Saunders presented the report as follows: August's beginning balance was \$112,049.16. Expenditures in August included payments to Allison Mason of \$224.41, Secretary/Treasurer Joe Saunders of \$89.60, Vice President Tony Lobato of \$108, and Montrose County of \$147.49, plus several debit expenditures. Total expenditures were \$1,163.30. Deposits totaled \$5,000 from the Hospital Operating Lease Agreement with MMHI. Available funding was \$115,885.86. After proposed expenditures for September, the estimated balance was \$115,222.35. Vice President Tony Lobato moved to approve the financial report and pay the bills; Trustee Tim Tinaza seconded. All in favor; none opposed. **Motion carried.**


9.0 Adjournment: Secretary/Treasurer Joe Saunders moved to adjourn the meeting; Vice President Tony Lobato seconded. All in favor; none opposed. **Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.



Mark Rackay
President



Tony Lobato
Vice President



Joe Saunders
Secretary/Treasurer

