

**MONTROSE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JULY 2, 2018
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Montrose Memorial Hospital was held **Monday, July 2, 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 2:05 p.m. by Vice President Tony Lobato.

Roll call:

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

Quorum present.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

1.0 Public Comments: None.

2.0 Commissioners Comments: Commissioner Keith Caddy thanked the board for participating on the Community Health Needs Assessment Committee for Montrose County. He stated that some committee members had had some issues concerning the Basin Clinic, and that those had been resolved. He added that he and Carolyn Clawson would be visiting Uncompahgre Clinic in Norwood, and that he hoped to get Basin Clinic under the umbrella of the other clinics in order to get the Medicaid and Medicare payments up to where they should be. This would help Basin Clinic be more self-sufficient.

3.0 MMHI Board of Directors Report: None.

4.0 Consent Agenda:

Approval of Meeting Minutes (4.01) - Minutes presented: *June 4, 2018 - Regular*

Secretary/Treasurer Joe Saunders moved to approve the agenda and accept the minutes as presented. Vice President Tony Lobato seconded. All in favor; none opposed. **Motion carried.**

5.0 Compliance Report(s):

(5.01) Hospital inspections – Secretary/Treasurer Joe Saunders visited the Operating Room on June 26. He talked with tour guide John Maurer about the age of the OR and what it would take to rehab it. He added that the security around the OR was very good. On the 18th, he and Trustee Tim Tinaza toured the hazmat area. There were some cracks in the area, which were of concern because they could make it possible for materials from the roof to leak down.

6.0. New Items:

(6.01) Notification letter from MMHI: Vice President Tony Lobato presented a letter from Ron Courtney, MMHI Chairman, which notified the board of the new hospital CEO, James Kiser.

(6.02) Phil Booker – Discussion of audit report and financials: Trustees Phil Booker and Tim Tinaza met with MMHI CFO Larry Dupper mid-June to discuss some of the hospital financial records. Booker highlighted that fact that Medicaid and Medicare payments do not appear in the financial records until sometimes two to three years after the bills have been sent out, and this gap means the records do not reconcile. The records show that the hospital lost \$3.5 million last year. Although the hospital is slightly below projections, it is in the black by \$325,000 this year. The hospital also has a loan payment to make this year of over \$1 million. Booker stated that he was surprised to see the large fluctuations in revenue from month to month. This is out of the hospital's control, as it is based on which patient services are required in any given month. Commissioner Keith Caddy asked Trustee Phil Booker if he would present this information to the BOCC the following week, and Booker agreed.

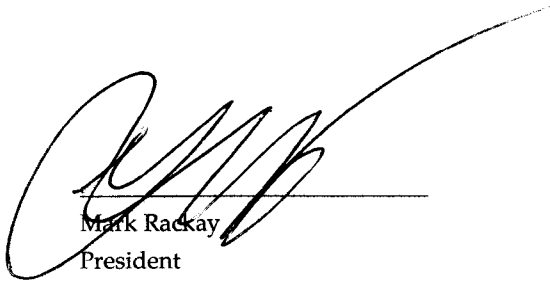
Secretary Joe Saunders commented on his experience at the Western Regional Trustee Symposium in Omaha, Nebraska from June 6-8. He learned about a new women's hospital in Omaha that caters to women ages 16-35. The hospital is doing well and is drawing attention from other hospitals. He also mentioned that the CEO from a hospital in Moab, Utah came and spoke about an opioid epidemic in Moab. Saunders was interested in her presentation and suggested to the board that he would like to visit the Moab hospital and learn more about how the hospital is handling this issue. He shared that a Nebraska doctor is working to get more Muslims into the medical field. Saunders stated that the trip was worthwhile and offered to answer any further questions later.

Vice President Tony Lobato agreed that the seminars are informative and said that the members are given a national overview of hospitals and medicine. He learned at previous sessions about how 400 mid-size hospitals are failing every year because of bankruptcy or an inability to comply with all the regulations. They are also being bought out by larger organizations. This happens in spite of excellent care and facilities.

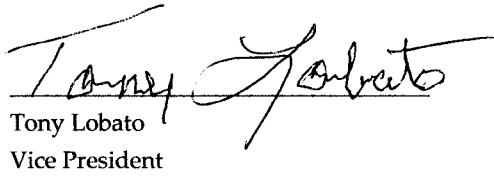
7.0 Old Items: None.

8.0 Financial Report: Secretary/Treasurer Joe Saunders presented the report as follows: June's beginning balance was \$106,404.98. Expenditures in June totaled \$1,166.66, including payroll, travel reimbursements for Vice President Tony Lobato, Montrose County rent, and several debit expenditures. Available funding was \$105,238.32. Proposed expenditures for July totaled \$3,189.18, including payroll, travel reimbursements for Secretary/Treasurer Joe Saunders and Vice President Tony Lobato, Montrose County Rent, and subscriptions for Uber Conferencing and Microsoft Office. Assistant Secretary Allison Mason explained how Joe Saunders' travel reimbursements for the Symposium were calculated. The original reimbursement request did not reflect the per diem rate, so she had revised it. Also, Saunders paid out of pocket for his hotel room, so President Mark Rackay had suggested that board reimburse the full amount for lodging, and only apply the per diem rate to food. The new total for Saunders' reimbursement was \$2,293.68. This left the board with an estimated balance of \$102,049.14. Vice President Tony Lobato mentioned to the board that the IRS mileage reimbursement rate had recently changed to \$.49 per mile. [After this meeting Allison found out that the County currently uses \$.545 to reimburse the Commissioners and county employees]. Trustee Phil Booker moved to approve the financial report and pay the bills; Trustee Joe Saunders seconded. All in favor; none opposed. **Motion carried.**

9.0 Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned by Vice President Tony Lobato at 2:26 p.m.



Mark Rackay
President



Tony Lobato
Vice President

