

TRINITY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS CALLED MEETING MINUTES
July 23, 2019

I. **CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Randy Karnes.

Board Members Present: **Randy Karnes, President**
Carlyn Bluis, Vice President
Marjory Pulvino, Secretary
Jerry Russ
Cheryl Spearman
Keith Johnson
Laura Vanecek
Charles Gardner
Michelle Medlock

Board Members Absent: **None**

Others Present: **Billy Goodin, Executive Assistant to the Board**

II. **INVOCATION** Jerry Russ provided the invocation.

III. **PRESENTATION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. **Joint Report Executive Committee and Budget Committee:**

1. Discussion of proposed tax rate:

There was an extended discussion of Board members' understanding of local citizens' positions and understanding of the current status of consideration of opening the Emergency Department, as well as individual Board members' concerns. Contributions to the discussion were made by every member of the Board. Carlyn Bluis reported that the new tax levy was up 8.9%, which could allow a somewhat lower tax rate. She also explained that St. Luke's CHI has recently merged with Dignity Healthcare to Common Spirit Healthcare. As a result of the changes that they must adopt at this time, they asked for a delay in the timeline which had been under discussion, although they are still very interested in pursuing the opportunity to open the ER. As a result, she recommended that we delay raising the tax rate until next year when we will have more definitive information about the cost of opening the ER. Randy Karnes emphasized the importance of the Board's successful effort to keep the clinic open by contracting with the HealthPoint FQHC.

IV. **ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business, Marjory Pulvino moved to adjourn the meeting; Laura Vanecek seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 PM.

Billy Goodin, Executive Assistant to the Board

Date