

**TRINITY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 16, 2024-Monthly Meeting/Tax Hearing**

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I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by President Marjory Pulvino.

**Board Members Present:**

Marjory Pulvino, President  
Steve Hancock, Vice President  
Cheryl Spearman, Secretary  
Patricia Rogers  
Randy Karnes  
Laura Huffman  
Michelle Medlock  
Deana Shelly  
Sunnie Frye

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:**

Billy Goodin, Executive Assistant to the Board  
Brett Kirkham, CEO, Mid Coast Health System Teams  
Roxann Langston, DON Mid Coast Trinity  
Orrin Hargrave, On-Point  
Connie Bryant, HCA

\*Denotes Guests that addressed the board

II. **INVOCATION** Randy Karnes provided the invocation.

III. **PUBLIC FORUM-PUBLIC TAX HEARING HEARING-**

Marjory Pulvino welcomed those in attendance and opened the floor for any discussions or questions about the Proposed Tax Rate for 2024. There were no questions or comments presented during Public Tax Forum.

IV. **READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the monthly Board Meeting held on August 19, 2024, were reviewed by the Board.

**Action:** Cheryl Spearman made the motion to accept the minutes as written for the July 15, 2024 monthly Board Meeting. Laura Huffman seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

**V. PRESENTATION OF MIDCOAST REPORT:** Presented by Brett Kirkham, CEO, Mid Coast Health System

Brett Kirkham reported that during July, there were 11 admissions to our hospital for a total of 32 inpatient days. He attributed the use of telehealth for improving these numbers. He said Trinity had done relatively well compared to some of the other MidCoast hospitals. The ER had 422 visits. The clinic had 245 visits. The survey date is the first day we can back bill for all the hospital visits. MidCoast is projecting that \$300,000 in back-billing revenue may be brought in after Trinity gets the license. He reported an operating loss of \$565,000 since the hospital opened. This is a result of lack of reimbursement by Medicare and Medicaid and other problems with billing. He said that the Humana Advantage Plan is no longer accepted due to lack of reimbursements. He reported that a Rural Hospital Stabilization grant in September for \$250,000 and an additional \$175,000 next year. He is grateful for the support of Trent Ashby in that endeavor. Mr. Kirkham requested \$500,000 in assistance to help cover losses. He expects our financial situation should be better by the second quarter of next year.

**VI. PRESENTATION OF STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**1. Monthly Financial Report**

The Monthly Financial Report was distributed, and it was presented by Orrin Hargrave with OnPoint. Mr. Hargrave reported that tax percent collections for the month were at 92.57%. Hargrave also discussed the financial data as listed below, the Money Market Account balance and included the Pledge Report from the First National Bank of Trinity. Mr. Hargrave also presented an update on the TexasCLASS investment pool performance.

<u>Compilation of Financial Statements – Assets</u>	<u>August 31, 2024</u>
Cash on hand	\$ 250.00
Checking	\$ 147,414.17
TexasCLASS cash	\$ 419,510.38
Money market account FNB	\$ 157,017.55
Property taxes receivable	\$ 535,104.70
Less allowance for doubtful accounts	<u>\$ (217,354.06)</u>
 Total Current Assets	 <u>\$ 1,041,942.74</u>

For the current month Total Revenues were **\$128,967.39**, Total Operating Expenses were **\$794,576.74**. Operating Revenues in Excess of (Less Than) Expenses were **(665,609.35)**.

**Action:** Sunnie Frye moved that the financial report be accepted by the Board. Deana Shelly seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

## **VII. PRESENTATION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Executive Committee:** Presented by Marjory Pulvino, President:

Marjory had no issues or updates to discuss.

**B. Budget Committee:** Presented by Marjory Pulvino, Chair

1. Adoption of Proposed Tax Rate of 0.1222 per one hundred dollars of evaluation on all property within the Trinity Memorial Hospital District boundaries for 2024 Resolution #0007-2024.

**Action:** Resolution #0007-2024 to Adopt the recommended tax rate of 0.1222 per one hundred dollars of evaluation on all property within the Trinity Memorial Hospital District boundaries was approved by the Board. The Board unanimously indicated “for” and signed Resolution #0007-2024.

**C. Community Health Resource Center Report:** Report by Marjory Pulvino

Cheryl Spearman reported that the CHRC advisory committee had met on August 14 with all members present except for one who had to resign. Marketing strategies and monthly presentations were discussed at the meeting. The committee will seek out a new member. Cheryl passed out the CHRC director Ms. Bacon’s schedule of presentations for the month of August and September. Also, Ms. Bacon’s productivity log was given to the Board members. Cheryl said that the advisory committee is very pleased with the job that Ms. Bacon is doing.

**D. Executive Assistant to the Board Report:**

Billy Goodin presented the following report for the month.

**Month:** July 2024:

1. **Petty Cash Report:** Monthly Petty Cash Verification performed on 9/16/2024 Cash \$250.00, Receipts \$0.00, Checks \$0. for a total of \$250.00. Balanced to assigned total of \$250.00. Verified by Cheryl Spearman, TMHD Secretary.
2. **Questions and Comments:** None

## **VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Brett Kirkham, MidCoast CEO**

Brett Kirkham, reported that our Trinity hospital has posted a loss of \$564,913. MidCoast

is asking for help with this loss. President Marjory Pulvino reported the budget projections through January 31, 2025 show a balance of approximately \$1,000,000. Texas class will drop considerably over the next few months; however, she said that the balance will increase again when tax deposits increase starting in November. After a question and answer session, Randy Karnes made a motion that we give Mid Coast \$500,000 for additional indigent care. Deana Shelly seconded the motion. The motion carried with seven members voting for and Steve Hancock voting against.

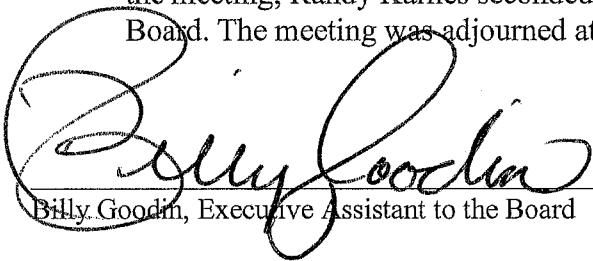
**IX. NEW BUSINESS: None**

**X. ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION, IF REQUIRED: No Closed Session Required**

In Accordance with Section 551.072 of the Open Meetings Handbook, "Deliberations About Real Property" and Section 551.085. Deliberation by Governing Board of Certain Providers of Health Care Services.

**XI. REOPEN MEETING FOR SUBSEQUENT ACTIONS – No Closed Session Required.**

**XII. ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, Cheryl Spearmanes moved to adjourn the meeting; Randy Karnes seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Board. The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.**



Billy Goodin  
Billy Goodin, Executive Assistant to the Board

10-21-24

Date