

GEORGE E. WEEMS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

GOVERNING BODY MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 16, 2007

Members Present: Gayle Dodds, Chairperson, by phone; Curt Blair, Co-Chair; Tammi Hardy, Secretary; Mark Friedman; Paul Marxsen; Dr. Stephen Miniati

Members Absent: Margie Solomon

Staff Present: Charles Colvert, CEO/CFO; Candi Fox, CNO; Kim Adams, Risk Manager; Becky Gibson, RN, Admin. Asst.

Curt Blair, Co-Chair, who is chairing this meeting, called the meeting to order at 12:25PM.

Paul Marxsen made the motion to approve the minutes from the July 9, July 25, August 6, August 20 and September 5, 2007 meetings, seconded by Mark Friedman and approved unanimously.

1. Presentation of Financials

Mr. Colvert announced that Paul Marxsen is now the Finance Committee Chairman. Mr. Colvert then proceeded to review the financial reports (see attached). He stated that the auditors are still working on some adjustments. He stated that he was researching how far back the hospital could bill for Medicaid, and that Medicare billing for the ambulance will be retro. He will request at the next county commission meeting a budget allowance for the ambulance. He also announced that the county has paid off the Solomon property.

2. Re-appointment of Board Members

A motion was made by Dr. Miniati to re-appoint Tammi Hardy and Margie Solomon to the board, with Ms. Hardy continuing her duties as secretary, seconded by Mark Friedman, and approved unanimously. Mr. Colvert will prepare a letter to the commission with this recommendation.

3. Sales Tax Update (see attached)

Mr. Colvert requested direction from the board on how to proceed with the sales

tax campaign now that the grant money had been pulled by the Office of Rural Health and due to the concerns of politicians in Tallahassee. He stated that he had stopped all TV, radio and newspaper ads. Curt Blair stated that he had discussed this with Michael Shuler, county attorney, who did not see any problem using hospital funds to go ahead with campaign. Mark Friedman stated that the hospital should be able to continue as in accordance with the bylaws. Mr. Blair stated that Mr. Shuler had not completed research on whether the board needed to establish a PAC in order to campaign. Mr. Friedman will contact a election law attorney through Doris Gibbs to clarify this question. A motion was made by Dr. Miniati that after clarification of the proper way to proceed, then to re-evaluate options as legally permitted, seconded by Mark Friedman, and unanimously approved.

4. Risk Management Report (see attached)

Kim Adams, Risk Manager, reviewed the previous quarter's quality reports.

5. Other Business

Curt Blair suggested that the hospital communicate with the city of Apalachicola to see if they may be interested in a joint location for emergency services and facility. A motion was made to do this by Dr. Miniati, seconded by Mark Friedman, and approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Becky Gibson, RN, Administrative Assistant

Approved



Date

11/20/07