

**George E. Weems Memorial Hospital  
Governing Body**

**Special Meeting  
TMH Management Agreement  
June 5, 2008**

**Members Present:** Gayle Dodds, Chair; Curt Blair, Vice-Chair; Margie Solomon, Tammi Hardy, Mark Friedman, Paul Marxsen

**Member Absent:** Dr. Stephen Miniati

**Staff in Attendance:** Charles Colvert, CEO; Candi Fox, CNO; Ginny Griner, HR Director

**Other Attendees:** Steve Watkins, Esquire

Ms. Dodds called the meeting to order at 12:25pm.

Ms. Dodds welcomed Mr. Watkins, this being his first Hospital Board meeting to attend. All others in attendance introduced themselves to Mr. Watkins, who stated his interest is to see what direction the Hospital Board is pursuing at this time.

Mr. Colvert stated this special meeting was called to review and discuss the affiliation concepts and issues presented to the Board by Mark O'Bryant, CEO of TMH, at their last meeting.

However, before discussion began, Mr. Colvert wanted the Board to review the report given by Alan Pierce, Administrative Assistant to the Board of County Commissioners, at their meeting on 6/3/08. The report reflects Commissioner's support regarding a grant application for broadband access, to be distributed through the Big Bend Regional Health Informational Organization's Rural Health Care Program; also, the Commission's clarification in keeping with the 50/50 split of sales tax revenue between Hospital operations and capital outlay/infrastructure. (see attached)

Mr. Colvert then directed attention to a letter received from Gulf Coast

Medical Center, (see attached), which states GCMC has added spine and orthopedic care to the list of services offered at their Beacon Hill office in Gulf County.

Further, Mr. Colvert shared a letter received from the State Surgeon General, (see attached), awarding Weems Hospital Ambulance Service with a Rural EMS matching grant in the amount of \$180,000.00. Mr. Colvert reminded the Board that since the grant's initial application, Weems has received a brand new '3500' ambulance, as well as a re-chassied '4500' ambulance. Fuel costs for the 'big box' ambulances have since risen, (as much as 45%, since their arrival), and fuel costs will most likely remain an economic issue. With that in mind, Mr. Colvert recommended purchase of two (2) van-type EMS vehicles, to supplement the 'big box' ambulances.

Mr. Blair made a motion, seconded by Mr. Marxsen, allowing the purchase of two (2) van-type ambulances; however, the Board would like to review data, at a future meeting, which would reflect items including, but not limited to: response times, types of transport, EMS treatment and disposition times. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Friedman reminded Board members to attend the Franklin County School Board meeting scheduled for this evening at 6pm. One of the items on the agenda is a discussion and/or action regarding a land possibility for the Urgent Care Center, which will be built in Carrabelle.

Mr. Colvert said one RFQ has been received from a firm in Dothan, Alabama, relative to the architectural/engineering bids and, it is anticipated there will be another bid received from a firm in Birmingham, Alabama.

For the benefit of the Board, Mr. Blair reviewed the conceptual agreement as presented by TMH at the last Board meeting.

Mr. Friedman said Weems employee benefits are a concern the Board should keep in mind. Currently, the employee's are leased. TMH has been asked to provide an employee package for the Board to review.

Mr. Colvert clarified the 'cost plus 3%' concept with TMH. In that, if Weems enters into a management agreement with TMH, they would become

part of the large buying group for supplies, equipment, etc. The cost would be what the item(s) cost, no additional 3% to be added. However, any 'services' rendered by TMH staff; i.e. CNO, lab, architect, plant director, CEO, etc. would be at 'cost plus 3%'.

Mr. Friedman said he likes the idea of an agreement with TMH because, 'we can pick and choose what our needs are'.

Ms. Dodds said she likes the idea of an agreement with TMH, in that there will be educational, clinical and management benefits available, 'a vast array of good things'.

After more discussion which included signage, personnel, mutual termination clauses, shared services and education of the Board, Mr. Blair made a motion, seconded by Mr. Marxsen, to go before the Board of County Commissioner's at their next scheduled meeting (6/17/08), recommending the concept of an agreement with TMH, find out the Commission's views, and with approval, move forward into contract discussions. Motion passed unanimously.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on 6/19/08, with the Hospital Board meeting 6/26/08.

Ms. Dodds asked Mr. Watkins if he had any comments he would like to make, to which he commended the Board for being very thorough in seeking the best needs of the community.

Motion was made by Ms. Solomon to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Marxsen. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 1:38pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ginny Griner

Approved Wensford

Date 6/26/08