



May 26, 2021

Welcome Announcement of Open Meeting Law Posting

Karen Dahlkoetter called the Meeting of the Thayer County Health Services Board of Trustees to order on May 26, 2021, at 6:59 pm, in the TCHS Bruning Conference Room, 120 Park Avenue, Hebron, NE. The open meeting laws are posted and viewable in the conference room. Present on roll call were Karen Dahlkoetter, Loren Wiedel, Connie Lichty, and Mike Long. Others in attendance: Scott Cook, Jamie Koch, Marie Knedler, Michael Logsdon, Lori Grummert, Rita Luongo, Audra Hergott, and Dr. Bauhard. Recorder: Bridget Behrends, Executive Assistant.

Approval of Agenda & Approval of April 2021 Board Meeting Minutes: Loren motioned to approve the agenda along with April Board Meeting Minutes as amended. Connie seconded. Roll call vote, all yes. Motion carried.

Radiology Presentation: The Radiology Presentation on the Ultimax-i Multipurpose X-Ray System was presented by Audra Hergott, Director of Radiology. Some of the components of this presentation involved: increased utilization of traditional RF system, more procedure possibilities due to the functionality of the table and C-arm, an equipment pricing proposal, along with a list of possible procedures for Ultimax. Audra explained that the current system cannot be updated anymore. Therefore, the only option would be to replace the machine. By upgrading to this system, TCHS will have the opportunity to expand in the future. Following the presented information, there were discussions regarding equipment servicing, price comparisons, training, software, and potential recruitment for an IR Specialist. Scott explained that it helps to see the project and thanked Audra for her efforts.

Financial Statements- March 2021:

Lori Grummert, Controller reviewed the financial statement packet for the Nine Months Ended April 30, 2021 and 2020 with the Board:

Month: Operating loss of (\$19,916) or (0.9%) and an EBIDA of \$144,498 or 6.8%. The operating loss is attributed to contract services, TC Pharmacy drugs non budgeted item and maintenance and repairs. There were invoices paid in April for repairs to the chiller from damage in January that were reimbursed for in May from insurance. Cash and equivalents decreased by \$72,000 to \$11.099M, from prior years. Days cash remain strong at 174.2, higher than NE and national benchmarks.

Year to Date: Operating Income was \$1,258,023 or 5.7%, total margin of \$1,343,188 or 6.0%, and an EBIDA of \$2,887,015 or 13.0%. AR Days at the end of April were 48.1 (gross) and 46.1 (net). TCHS AR days are very good and considerably better than comparable benchmarks. Age of plant continues to rise as depreciation expenses continue to drop along with capital investments.

Additional Information: TCHS has received multiple CAREs Act stimulus payments. Regulations are being continually reviewed regarding these funds so they can be properly accounted for. TCHS continues to invest in the community and Health System. The new HR/Payroll system implementation is continuing. In review financials with our auditors they reminded us that our revenue has increased \$3.225 from previous year, which, unfortunately, typically has a negative impact on our Medicare reimbursement. In which turn a higher payable to Medicare at the end of the year.

Loren made a motion to approve the April 2021 Financial Statements, Connie seconded. Roll call vote, all yes. Motion carried.

Officers Reports:

Chief Executive Officer Report- Scott Cook

- a. **Consent Agenda (April) – Loren made a motion to approve the April consent agenda as written; Mike seconded. Roll call vote, all yes. Motion Carried.** Discussion before approval: There was a discussion regarding the TCHS masking policy. Scott reported that TCHS will continue masking at this time and does not imagine the policy changing anytime soon as masking is still best practice to prevent COVID-19 from spreading.
- b. **Thayer County Pharmacy Update:** Michael Logsdon, Director of Pharmacy, Pharm D was in attendance to report on the behalf of Thayer County Pharmacy. Michael reported that Thayer County Pharmacy is moving in the right direction with payers. Michael explained that the financials provide a visual that April was a month that prescription volumes were steady and insurance barriers limited. Additionally, TCHS has brought on two pharmacists to assist with staff. Scott recognized Michael's efforts in this six month transition. Connie thanked Michael for all that he has done with the pharmacy.
- c. **Chester Clinic:** Scott requested board approval on behalf of Thayer County Health Services to close the Chester Clinic effective on June 30th as the patient volume and building infrastructure is no longer able to support the community of Chester. Scott explained that Rita Luongo, Development Director has worked closely with the Chester Community Foundation and has received their support in this decision to allocate resources. Although TCHS has chosen to make this strategic decision, TCHS will continue to provide certain care options to the community such as Wellness and Flu Clinics. In closing, TCHS plans to sell the Chester Clinic with the profit going back to the Chester Community Foundation. **Loren motioned to close the Chester Clinic on June 30th. Mike seconded. Roll call vote, all yes. Motion Carried.**
- d. **Expansion Project:** Scott explained that there are still a lot of unknowns surrounding the expansion project. These unknowns involve: demographics, sustainability, and availability of other oncologists. As a result, TCHS would like to suspend moving forward with the expansion project until these variables have been determined. At this time, Scott requested board approval to suspend the project and redetermine the value of the expansion. Loren stated that there was no need for suspension of the expansion project. Following this statement, there were discussions regarding additional space for the waiting area, additional exam rooms, and the current state of the project. Moving forward, TCHS will be working with Josh Olsen, CHI Health Project Manager to determine what specific needs. **Connie motioned to suspend the expansion project and redetermine the value of the expansion. Motion did not receive a second. Motion failed.**
- e. **New Hires:** Bridget reported that there two new hires in the month of May. These individuals include: Charlie Hart, Hospital RN and Gerard Neyenhouse, Pharmacy Tech.

Chief Nursing Officer Report- Jamie Koch

- a. **Physician Credentialing: Connie motioned to approve the initial appointment and re-appointments as recommended by the Medical Staff. Mike seconded. Roll call vote, discussion prior to approval:** There were discussions regarding weekend call, state surveyors, and vaccines. First, it was discussed that weekend call will be covered by Docs Who Care as weekend call is a challenge in the summer. This will be seen through a number of credentialing appointments for those physicians in the near future. Next, Jamie reported that state surveyors are onsite May 24th through May 28th. During this time, state surveyors will take a close look at each department, medical records, other data, along with conducting patient interviews. Jamie explained that the state survey is going well as there haven't been any major findings so far. TCHS has an Exit Interview with state surveyors on Thursday, May 28th. Lastly, Jamie reported that TCHS received 20 doses of Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine from Public Health that were going to expire. Jamie explained that TCHS is now accepting appointments for those doses while continuing second doses as needed.

Chief Financial Officer Report- Lori Grummet

- a. **Finance Update:** Lori reported that TCHS continues to work on the budget.
- b. **Vice President of Clinic Services-**
 - a. None.

Old Business for The Board: none.

Executive Session: Mike moved to go into Executive Session at 8:54pm, Loren seconded. Roll call votes, all yes. Motion Carried. (See Executive Session minutes attached).



Bridget Behrends
Executive Assistant



Scott Cook
Interim Chief Executive Officer

Minutes for Executive Session

Thayer County Health Services Board of Directors

Bruning Conference Room

May 26, 2021

Mike moved to go into executive session. Connie seconded. The motion carried. The board entered executive session at 8:55 p.m.

The board ended the executive session at 9:39 p.m.

Connie moved to adjourn the meeting. Mike seconded. The motion carried. Meeting with adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Connie Lichty, Secretary

**THAYER COUNTY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
APRIL 20, 2021**

Karen Dahlkoetter called the Emergency Meeting of the Thayer County Health Services Board of Trustees to order on April 20, 2021 at 10:03a.m at the Sacred Heart Catholic Social Hall, 436 N 3rd Street, Hebron, NE.

Executive Session: Laura Tuma moved to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues which could be damaging to individuals' personal reputations. Mike Long seconded. Roll call vote, all yes. The board went into executive session at 10:04 a.m.

Loren Wiedel moved to end executive session at 11:29a.m. Mike Long seconded. Roll call vote, all yes. In open session, Laura Tuma moved to adjourn the meeting, Connie seconded, Roll call vote, all yes. Open session ended at 11:30a.m.



Connie Lichty, Secretary

**THAYER COUNTY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
APRIL 21, 2021**

Karen Dahlkoetter called the Emergency Meeting of the Thayer County Health Services Board of Trustees to order on April 21, 2021 at 2:34 p.m. at the Hebron Airport, Hebron NE

Executive Session:

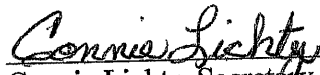
Loren Wiedel moved to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues which could be damaging to individuals' personal reputations. Mike Long seconded. Roll call vote, all yes. The board went into executive session at 2:35 p.m.

Mike Long moved to end executive session at 3:56 p.m. Laura Tuma seconded. Roll call vote, all yes.

Open Session:

Loren Wiedel made a motion to invoke Section V (5) on page 12 of Exhibit B-1 Core Services in the Management Services and Affiliation Agreement between CHI Nebraska d/b/a CHI Health and Thayer County Health Services ("Hospital"). Laura Tuma seconded. Roll call vote, all yes.

Mike Long made a motion to adjourn open session. Laura Tuma seconded. Roll call vote, all yes. Open session ended at 3:58 p.m.



Connie Lichty, Secretary