

**MINUTES OF HOSPITAL AUTHORITY MEETING  
OCTOBER 18, 2022**

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Chairman and Trustees of the Clinton Hospital Authority City of Clinton, Oklahoma, Custer County, held in the City Council Room, City Hall on Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. A notice of this meeting with agenda was posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of Clinton City Hall on October 14, 2022, at 12:00 p.m.

Chairman David Berrong called the meeting to order at 5:41 p.m. with the following present:

**CHAIRMAN:** David Berrong

**TRUSTEES:** Patch McComas, Ernie Dowdell, Arthur Lloyd, Ernesto Villanueva

**MANAGER:** Robert Johnston

**CITY TREASURER:** Debra Blanchard

**CITY ATTORNEY:** Ryan Meacham

**CITY CLERK:** Amy Jones

**NEWS MEDIA:** Nydia Campbell, Mike Smith

**OTHERS:** Gene McCullough, Joshua McGuire, Scott Meacham, Chris Jones, Anita Fransen, Tom Jaworsky, Temple Diehl and others.

Temple Diehl, Pastor, First United Methodist Church opened the meeting with prayer and Tom Jaworsky, Post Vice-Commander, American Legion Post 41 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Minutes from October 4, 2022, Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Trustee Dowdell and seconded by Trustee Villanueva that the Consent Agenda Items be approved.

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, Lloyd, McComas, Villanueva, Berrong

Nay: None

Chairman declared the motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action Regarding:**

**A. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Section 307 B(4) of the OK Open Meeting Act Confidential Communications between a Public Body and its attorney Regarding Clinton HMA LLC, Plaintiff and the Clinton Hospital Authority, Defendant**

Motion was made by Trustee McComas and seconded by Trustee Villanueva to go into Executive Session at 5:41 p.m. pursuant to Section 307 B (4) of the OK Open Meeting Act Confidential Communications between a Public Body and its attorney; regarding Clinton HMA LLC, Plaintiff and the Clinton Hospital Authority, Defendant and to invite Manager Robert Johnston, City Attorney Ryan Meacham and Special Counsel Scott Meacham to join.

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, Lloyd, McComas, Villanueva, Berrong

Nay: None

Chairman declared the motion carried

### **B. Reconvene from Executive Session**

Motion was made by Trustee McComas and seconded by Trustee Lloyd to reconvene to the regular meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, Lloyd, McComas, Villanueva, Berrong

Nay: None

Chairman declared the motion carried.

### **C. Engagement of a Hospital Management /Operating Company for Clinton Regional Hospital**

Chairman Berrong said that the Authority was very well aware of the time urgency to engage a hospital management/operation company for the Clinton Regional Hospital. Now that Mercy has made the decision to not enter into agreement at this time, the Authority can move forward in considering the other management companies who are interested in providing this service.

Discussion ensued regarding the apparent need for weekly Hospital Authority meetings the remainder of this calendar year to handle the various transition issues and the delegation to staff to assess the management company proposals in order to recommend a company and negotiate a contract as soon as practical.

The motion was made by Trustee Dowdell and seconded by Trustee Villanueva to authorize the Manager, City Attorney and Special Counsel to move forward expeditiously with the evaluation and review of proposals received in order to have a recommendation and contract ready for ratification at a Special Hospital Authority Meeting on Tuesday, October 25, 2022.

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, Lloyd, McComas, Villanueva, Berrong

Nay: None

Chairman declared the motion carried.

**D. Resolution No. 22-01 Reconstituting the Clinton Regional Hospital Governing Board and Appointing Governing Board Members**

Resolution No. 22-01 (HA2022-01) Reconstituting the Clinton Regional Hospital Governing Board and Appointing Governing Board Members was presented for review and discussion by the Authority. Manager Johnston stated that this is an update of Hospital Authority Resolution No. 7 which originally constituted the Hospital Board in April 1973. It was reviewed jointly by Manager Johnston and City Attorney Meacham and appropriate changes were made. The recommendation for Governing Board Members are as follows:

David Mosburg	2023
Kelly Cornell	2024
Kevin Wolters	2025
Chris Jones	2026
Ken Baker	2027

The motion was made by Trustee Dowdell and seconded by Trustee Villanueva to approve Resolution No. 22-01 (HA2022-01) reconstituting the Clinton Regional Hospital Governing Board and Appointing Governing Board Members as recommended and listed above.

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, Lloyd, McComas, Villanueva, Berrong

Nay: None

Chairman declared the motion carried.

**E. Any Action(s) Arising Out of the Executive Session**

Chairman Berrong stated no action.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: NEW BUSINESS (If any, pursuant to Section 311.9 of the Oklahoma Meeting Act.)**

None

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: TRUSTEE REPORT**

None

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

None

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (According to Audience Participation Decorum Guidelines at Clinton City Council Public Meetings effective: 2/14/2017)**

Chairman Berrong welcomed David Dominique and Joe Thomason, Community Hospital Corporation, from Plano, Texas for some brief comments. Dominique and Thomason spoke briefly about their company's experience assisting rural, independent hospitals in their specific needs and CHC's interest in working with Clinton Regional Hospital.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee McComas and seconded by Trustee Villanueva to adjourn the meeting.

Chairman put the motion to a roll call vote:

Aye: Dowdell, Lloyd, McComas, Villanueva, Berrong

Nay: None

Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm.

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Date Approved

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David D. Berrong, Chairman