

**MINUTES OF HOSPITAL AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 6, 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, December 6, 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 December 2, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

Chairman David Berrong called the meeting to order at 5:32 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, Holly Wade

OTHERS: Gene McCullough, Joshua McGuire, Julie Caldwell, Joe Cloninger, Tracy Heerwald, Paul Rinkel, Sue Cornell, Pat Cornell, Toby Anders, Chasity Richardson, Gary Jones, Gwen Fuchs, Rachel Bancroft, Cris Hickerson, and others.

Troy Calvert, Chaplain, Clinton Fire Department, opened the meeting with prayer and Doug Greer, Service Officer, American Legion Post 41 led the Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes from November 29, 2022, Special Meeting
- B. Consider Claims
- C. Acknowledgement of Financial Reports from Month Ending 10/31/2022

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 Lloyd to go into Executive Session at 5:32 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 and City Attorney Ryan Meacham.

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 Dowdell to reconvene to the regular meeting at 5:52 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. Any Actions Arising Out of the Executive Session

A report of not action was given by Chairman Berrong.

D. Transition from Clinton CMA, LLC d/b/a Alliance Health Clinton to Carrus Healthcare, LLC Management of Clinton Regional Hospital

A report of no action was given by Chairman Berrong.

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)

None

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Dowdell 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 5:53 pm.

Date Approved

David D. Berrong, Chairman

**MINUTES OF HOSPITAL AUTHORITY SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 2022**

Minutes of the SPECIAL 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, December 13, 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 December 8, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman David Berrong called the meeting to order at 5:32 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

OTHERS: Gene McCullough, Chasity Richardson, Gwen Fuchs, Cris Hickerson, Brenda Jennings, Jill Atchley, Johnnie Ward, Janice Merrill, Gina Scheffler, Heather Roulet, Trish Acre, Debra Mendez, and others.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: CONSENT AGENDA

None

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 Dowdell to go into Executive Session at 5:33 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 and City Attorney Ryan Meacham.

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 5:50 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. Any Actions Arising Out of the Executive Session

A report of not action was given by Chairman Berrong.

D. Transition from Clinton CMA, LLC d/b/a Alliance Health Clinton to Carrus Healthcare, LLC Management of Clinton Regional Hospital

A report of no action was given by Chairman Berrong.

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

Manager Johnston thanked hospital staff members for coming to this Special Meeting of the Clinton Hospital Authority. He stated that the circumstances at hand are unnecessarily complicated but are being worked through. He reminded those present that we are involved in an active lawsuit with Alliance Healthcare and therefore some items cannot be shared. As of January 1, 2023, Carrus will begin management of the Clinton Regional Hospital. To that end, bank accounts have been opened for the income & expenses, utilities for the hospital have been addressed, and communications are ongoing for the physicians' leases of office space. The Authority has faced factors that are out of our control, and we have made many contacts regarding CMS and licensing. Recent communications have taken place with EMS regarding ambulance services and other surrounding facilities as what happens 5 minutes after 12 p.m. on December 31, 2022. The City is in the process of scheduling an election asking the citizens of Clinton to release the principal lease and related funds to be used for the operations of the hospital. Carrus has a plan for security at the hospital for January 1, 2023. The Authority has filed for the licensure as advised filed by legal counsel and we are in contact with our

federal and state representative regarding our special situation of licensure and the imperative for timely answers. Information has not been yet provided to the City to be able to address staffing financial information of full time, part time, and prn staff. Manager Johnston stated that how to retain employees is being researched with the limits of the Oklahoma Law regarding public funds. He stated that the hospital will be open and that is the full intention of the City of Clinton. Manager Johnston referred to City Attorney Meacham to interact or correct anything that he may had stated incorrectly. City Attorney Meacham made no corrections.

Chairman Berrong reemphasized that the decisions of the City Council and the Hospital Authority Trustees are sincere; that experts have been sought to guide through the process. He thanked the employees for their commitment to the citizens of Clinton.

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

Cris Hickerson addressed the Authority stating that he appreciates the opportunity to address the concerns of the hospital employees. The concerns some of which were just addressed by the Manager regarding the hospital fund editorial in the newspaper, and a phone conversation with Scott Meacham. He stated that the utilities were addressed regarding power and water, security is a concern due to vandalism, and the DEA license is in his name and the Radiology Director's concern of security regarding that department. His biggest concern is conducting healthcare in our community in 15 days, staff retention, and that closure of the hospital seems inevitable at this time. He wished that questions could be asked of the people who are here tonight to but understands that it cannot happen in the forum.

Mayor Berrong thanked him for his statement.

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 6:26 pm.

Date Approved

David D. Berrong, Chairman