

**SPECIAL MEETING OF
CLINTON HOSPITAL AUTHORITY MINUTES
Wednesday October 23, 2024, 12:00PM**

A Special Meeting of the Trustees of the Clinton Hospital Authority of the City of Clinton, Oklahoma was held in the Weichel Conference Room of the Clinton Regional Hospital on Wednesday October 23, 2024, at 12:00pm. A notice of this agenda was posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Clinton City Hall on October 21, 2024, at 11:45 p.m. and at the Clinton Regional Hospital.

Members: Ken Baker, Chris Jones, Kelly Cornell, (absent) Kevin Wolters(absent), Tyler Bridges, Ernie Dowdell, *Ex Officio*

Chief Executive Officer: Len Lacefield

City Manager: Robert Johnston

Secretary/Clerk: Amy Jones

Others: Chasity Richardson, Brendan Price RN, Brenda Jennings RN, Stephanie Bustos, Rachel Owens, Janice Merrill, Cris Hickerson and others

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kenneth Baker called meeting to order at 12:05pm

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A. Approval of October 9,2024 Special Meeting

The Consent Agenda items were presented for review and approval.

Motion was made by Trustee Chris Jones and Second by Tyler Bridges to approve the Consent Agenda

Chairman Kenneth Baker put in motion roll call vote:

Aye: Chris Jones, Tyler Bridges, Ken Baker

Nay: none

III. BUSINESS ITEMS (Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action Regarding):

A. Administrative reports

1. Mr. Lacefield presented the Executive Report Summary Financial Projections Update Projections continue to be allusive due to several access struggles. One is partial portal access users unlimited access, which continues to be a work in process, compliments of our government via CMS. As of this past Monday morning at 10:30am, we received Medicare Part B Portal Approval, and the certification process has begun which remains to be a 2-3-day ratification timeline. One of the latest findings is that Medicaid loaded a false fee schedule which was processing claims at fraction of their required, contracted fee schedule. Rachel has spent considerable time chasing this. And communicating with Medicaid to reprocess all Medicaid claims from a to be determined date in April when our Medicaid credentialing was approved. Please recall the subject of "timelines." While this applies to claims processing it does not imply a timeline to cash deposits. However, for the fruits of this effort and consistency we continue to operate on AP known cycles of 21 days and up and through 90-days generating true results, including payments, partial payments, improper payments, or rejections for a plethora of reasons causing Rachel's team to "retouch and correct", followed by resubmission. We will continue to hyperfocus on this outstanding AP as well as new AP being filed for our daily charges generated knowing that the purification process will be lengthy. We continue to look for an uptick in revenue as we move towards the later part of this month and into the next moving forward. Rachel and her Team continue to be inundated by claims prior to licensure and credentialing dates, as well as others requiring "retouch and refile." Things are moving, income will follow. Daily, I continue to look for capital to get us onto our feet outside the Cities resources. To clarify, to date, the city has not supported CRH by "giving the hospital money." In fact, CRH has not been the benefactor of any financial handouts from the City, yet distribution of hospital funds earmarked CRH and invested in different sources of the Cities financial stewardship strategy. Additionally, the last two sums of money from the City of Clinton/Public Works Authority were loans, not gifts, to be paid back to the hospital at a favorable interest rate. We continue recruitment of providers. This week includes moving plans and setting dates for Dr Bluth to open his Clinton Office as well as join our hospital team in some fashion. Also, talks continue with our Diabetes Treatment Program, again hoping to put a timeline on this initiative which will involve Dr Bluth as well. The last current event is the ongoing conversations with Happy Valley Regeneration to enter a joint venture offering CRH as a Regional Treatment Center for Stem Cell Regeneration, the leading alternative of many surgeries. Dr. Abernathy also contacted me this past week while at the Rural Emergency Hospital Reverse Site Visit National Conference and requested a

conversation this week. I am unsure if his relationship with Cordell remains strong, to While this effort has slowed due to available funds, I have had several additional meetings with Dr Bluth determining how best to move forward. Mr. Lacefield spoke regarding Rural Emergency Hospital Currently awaiting feedback from our September 30th meeting to determine CRH's eligibility, as CRH was not an independent entity on 12/31/2020, which is one of the criteria of the "grant". During the Rural Emergency Hospital National Reverse Site Visit Conference, held in Maryland this past week, I had some one-on-one time with Federal CMS representative Karen Tirtz, who is the Director of Survey and Operations Group, Center for Clinical Standards and Quality, CMS, for two reasons. One, our outstanding issues with payables and the second, is there a case precedence for a facility like ours that could qualify as an REH although the City of Clinton did not hold the State License nor the CNN, Medicare license on 12/31/2020. Karen has agreed to make some calls and investigate these matters as during the conference, it was mentioned some back dating on applications had happened. Not that that action applies directly to us but the fact that some manipulation of the Grant application process had been allowed. Mr. Lacefield also states Mr. Lacefield also states the Hospital is always seeking outpatient solutions and how we can integrate the following services like Cardiopulmonary, IV Therapy, Infusions, Diabetes Treatment Centers and reopening Surgery. Update on Trubridge, many were leaving Trubridge The RCM National guru, Kathy Dean, CPMA, CPC, CPC-P, COG, CCS-P, CRC, (I have no idea what all that stands for) VP Of Outpatient Services and Chargemaster Analysis, Administrative Consultive Services, LLC. She and I spoke in length and shared the travesty TB is spreading throughout our Region and country, many are failing as a result and trying to transition as fast as they can. Hobart and Weatherford are two other local entities which are in the mix. There is much more that I brought back but the story was affirming and encouraging. Yes, we are in a crisis, no it is not going away as it is a war that has no end, but we are able to do all the right things if we trust the direction, leadership, and process. Chasity Richardson gave a update on the Trunk or Treat Public Event, We had 10 classic cars, 5 food tucks and 10 Vendors along with the Clinton PD, Fired Department, State Medical Examiner, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tirbal Ambulance, Sinor Ambulance and Custer County Sheriff's. Received two poly-carts full of nonperishable foods and \$900.00 in cash donations. It was a great success for the first year. Mr. Lacefield gave department update on Cardiopulmonary on Oct 7 to Oct 18 we have had 53 total treatments (13 Cancellation due to sickness). 2 new patients start, 16 total patients on caseload currently. 1 patient graduated from the program.

Radiology October Xray 151 patients, 135 Cat Scan and 14 Ultrasound total month 300. Year today, radiology totals 4434.

Motion was made by Trustee Chris Jones and Second by Tyler Bridges to approve Executive Report

Chairman Kenneth Baker put in motion roll call vote:

Aye: Chris Jones, Tyler Bridges, Ken Baker

Nay: none

2. Business Associates Agreement LifeMed AI – AR Evaluation Service

Len Lacefield, CEO reported that this item would not addressed at this time.

3. Hospital Budget FYE 25

Len Lacefield reported that this item would not addressed at this time.

4. Request to approve a Draw for the line of Credit in the amount of \$250,000.00 from the City of Clinton

Motion was made by Trustee Chris Joens and Second by Tyler Bridges to approve the draw from the Line of Credit in the amount of \$250,000.00 from the City of Clinton

Chairman Kenneth Baker put in motion roll call vote:

Aye: Chris Jones, Tyler Bridges, Ken Baker

Nay: none

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Financial Statement- Stephanie Bustos gave a Hospital Financial Report with Profit and Loss

Motion was made by Trustee Chris Jones and Second by Tyler Bridges to approve the Hospital Financial Report with Profit and Loss

Chairman Kenneth Baker put in motion roll call vote:

Aye: Chris Jones, Tyler Bridges, Ken Baker

Nay: none

B. Invoices to be paid -

Stephanie Bustos asked to approve outstanding invoices 31 days and older

Motion was made by Trustee Chris Jones and Second by Tyler Bridges to approve to pay outstanding invoices to be paid 31days and older

Chairman Kenneth Baker put in motion roll call vote:

Aye: Chris Jones, Tyler Bridges

Nay: none

V. COMMITTEE /DEPARTMENT REPORTING

A. Review and Approval Monthly Safety/Emergency management Committee meeting 09/04/24

Janice Merrill gave an overview of the Monthly Safety/Emergency Management Committee and presented the minutes to the Trustees.

Motion was made by Trustee Tyler Bridges and Second by Chris Jones to approve to Monthly Safety/Emergency Management meeting minutes 09/04/20240

Chairman Kenneth Baker put in motion roll call vote:

Aye: Chris Jones, Tyler Bridges, Ken Baker

Nay: none

B. Review and Approval Monthly Infection Control program meeting minutes 10/09/24

Brenda Jennings gave an overview of Monthly Infection Control program and presented the minutes of the 10/09/24 meeting.

Motion was made by Trustee Chris Jones and Second by Tyler Bridges to approve to Infection Control program meeting minutes 10/09/24

Chairman Kenneth Baker put in motion roll call vote:

Aye: Chris Jones, Tyler Bridges

Nay: none

VI. New Business (If any, pursuant to Section 311.9 of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.)

None presented.

VII. Adjourn

A motion was made by Trustee Chris Jones and Second by Tyler Bridges to Adjourn

Chairman Kenneth Baker put in motion roll call vote:

Aye: Chris Jones, Tyler Bridges, Ken Baker

Nay: None

Chairman declared the motion carried and meeting adjourned at 12:41pm

Date Approved

Kenneth Baker, Chairman

**SPECIAL MEETING OF
CLINTON HOSPITAL AUTHORITY MINUTES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2024, 6:00PM**

A Special Meeting of the Trustees of the Clinton Hospital Authority of the City of Clinton, Oklahoma was held in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 6:00pm. A notice of this agenda was posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Clinton City Hall on November 5, 2024 at City Hall and the Clinton Regional Hospital at 5:00 p.m.

Members: Ken Baker, Chris Jones, Kelly Cornell, (absent) Kevin Wolters, Tyler Bridges, Ernie Dowdell, *Ex Officio*

Chief Executive Officer: Len Lacefield

City Manager: Robert Johnston

Secretary/Clerk: Amy Jones

NEWS MEDIA: Mike Smith, Hope King, Sean Stephens

OTHERS: Gene McCullough, Shauna Hacker, Ben Campbell, Chris Hickerson, Davina Perez, Lacey Lacefield, Brenda Jennings, Janice Merrill, Chasity Richardson, Joshua McGuire, Mark Stapleton, Tyler Bridges, Kelly Cornell, Chris Jones, Ken Baker, Anita Fransen, Debbie Mendez, Bobby Stewart, Mark Switzer, Billy Gerstenkorn, D. J. Woodall, Bobby Winans, Joe Williams, Talitha Adler, Rod Serfoss, Mark Nicholson, Greg Adams, David Barnett, Brendan Price, Corey Lively, Jeff Jackson, and others.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kenneth Baker called meeting to order at 6:00pm

II. BUSINESS ITEMS (Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Action Regarding):

A. Line of Credit Draw No. 3 in the Amount of \$250,000 from the Clinton Public Works Authority

Chairman Baker presented the request to approve a draw for the line of Credit in the amount of \$250,000.00 from the Clinton Public Works Authority. Len Lacefield, CEO, spoke to the Trustees regarding need for the draw to cover the current expenditure and payroll.

Motion was made by Trustee Chris Jones and Second by Tyler Bridges to approve the Draw for the line of Credit in the amount of \$250,000.00 from the Clinton Public Works Authority

Chairman Kenneth Baker put in motion roll call vote:

Aye: Chris Jones, Tyler Bridges, Kelly Cornell, Kenneth Baker
Nay: none

Chairman declared the motion carried.

B. Recommendation to the Clinton City Council Regarding the Proposed Letter of Intent with Rural Hospital Solutions, Inc. for the Management and Potential Purchase of Clinton Regional Hospital.

The Letter of Intent dated November 6, 2024, from Rural Hospital Solutions, Inc was presented the Clinton Hospital Authority for review. This non-binding agreement for the management and potential purchase of the Clinton Regional Hospital has been presented for review and to make a recommendation for approval by the Clinton Hospital Authority to the Clinton City Council. The LOI outlines the preliminary terms under which Rural Hospital Solutions, Inc. (RHS), proposes to acquire the Hospital's real estate, plant, property, equipment, and receivables subject to satisfactory completion of due diligence and finalizing a definitive purchase agreement.

Motion was made by Trustee Chris Jones and seconded by Trustee Tyler Bridges to approve the recommendation to the Clinton City Council Regarding the Proposed Letter of Intent with Rural Hospital Solutions, Inc. for the Management and Potential Purchase of Clinton Regional Hospital.

Chairman Kenneth Baker put in motion roll call vote:

Aye: Chris Jones, Kelly Cornell, Tyler Bridges, Ken Baker
Nay: none

Chairman Baker declared motion carried.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Trustee Chris Jones and Second by Tyler Bridges to Adjourn

Chairman Kenneth Baker put in motion roll call vote:
Aye: Chris Jones, Kelly Cornell, Tyler Bridges, Ken Baker
Nay: none
Chairman Baker declared motion carried.

Chairman declared the motion carried and meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm

Approved Date: _____

Kenneth L. Baker, Chairman