

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF  
CLINTON HOSPITAL AUTHORITY  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2024, 12:00 NOON**

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 November 21, 2024, at 12:00 noon. A notice of this agenda was posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Clinton City Hall on November 21, 2024, at 11:45 p.m. and at the Clinton Regional Hospital.

**Members:** Ken Baker, Chris Jones, Kelly Cornell, Kevin Wolters; Ernie Dowdell, *Ex Officio*

**Members Absent:** Tyler Bridges

**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, Chris Hickerson and others

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**Chairman Kenneth Baker called meeting to order at 12:06pm**

**II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

A. Approval of October 23, 2024, Regular Meeting and November 7, 2024, Special Meeting

The Consent Agenda items were presented for review and approval.

Motion was made by Trustee Kevin Wolters Seconded by Chris Jones to approve the Consent Agenda

Chairman Kenneth Baker put in motion roll call vote:

Aye: Kevin Wolters, Chris Jones, Kelly Cornell, Kenneth Baker

Nay: none

Chairman declared the motion carried.

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

## A. Administrative reports

> Mr. Lacefield gave his Executive Report Summary. He announces Rachel Owens has been appointed to the Clinton Regional Hospital Revenue Cycle team. Chairman Ken Baker asked bring Rachel Owens on staff will that help receivables? Rachel Owens states working for the CRH she now can push MICA for faster outcomes and now Rachel and her staff can just focus on CRH receivables.

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> Mr. Lacefield touched on Financial Projections Update

Attached is the current reportable claims data through MICA. While these are still being validated, it does reflect the newest information from Rachel and her Teams efforts over the last 90- days. LifeMed AI Currently TrueBridge is building an 835/837 patch to upload all historical claims to provide for this analysis. With the AI it will help pull duplicate claims, coding errors and missing data. Our hopes are to have this language and access portal completed by weeks end. Chris Hickerson is leading this charge with Rachel, via TrueBridge and AdvancedMD, our current RCM software, though Rachel/MICA. Rachel Owens also discussed reviewing the chargemaster, Medicaid fee schedule and the price transparency.

Trustee Kelly Cornell asked if we are seeing an increase in revenue would we want to go on towards the sale of the Hospital, and she has been speaking with other facilities that work with Truebridge and they brought services in house and now they are functioning better. Rachel response was, after looking at our accounts, we think there are a ton of mistakes in our accounts receivable and our AR is a mess.

Mr. Lacefield gave an update on recruitment of providers. Discussions are underway to promote the formation of a Surgical Group, Primary Care Group, Mental Health, and Geriatric Psych Departments. The premise is, which has been openly accepted though initial conversations, is for the Surgeons to form a voice and collaboration to provide services and potential patient volumes using our hospital and associated service, Same premise for a Primary Group base. Mental Health and Geriatric Psych will be governed by our contracted Psychiatrists who leased space from us earlier in the year.

Lacefield also gave an update on the Community/Hospital staff outreach for the holidays. Administrative Staff has collaborated with our Beacon Cafe to provide a holiday meal for CRH staff and open it up to any community members who find their way to the cafe during next Monday's lunch hour. The administration wanted to show appreciation to a *Team of Warriors* who has chosen to take part in the impossible, devoting their time to helping others in our community, county, and region. On December 3<sup>rd</sup> CRH will be joining forces with Charles Touchstone and

his 49' International Harvester Flatbed Farm Truck, participating the Clinton Christmas Parade to *promote* the hospital services and *inform* of the direction by handing out leave pieces along the parade route regarding the January 14<sup>th</sup> election.

Lacefield then gave an update on department volume: Cardiopulmonary Rehab update continue to build month to month as of November 4, 2024, Patient currently scheduled 20, treatments 70, Cancellations 17, New patients 2 and discharge 0. MTD treatments 76, cancellation 17, new patients 2 and Discharge 1. Referral to Cardiopulmonary Rehab 8 referrals received (4 were from Indian Health Services) out of the referrals 1 scheduled, 1 cannot afford self-pay price, 1 having transportation issues, 2 having medical procedure done, 1 unable to contact. Update for Radiology

Month	XR	CT	'U	Month
JAN	32	171	13	406
FEB	21	165	17	401
MAR	23	189	13	
APR	27	207	13	495
MAY	25	185	18	459
JUN	20	214	IS	434
JUL	.2	211	7	440
AUG	23	254	XS	504
SEP	27	261	19	559
OCT	25	225	20	503
NOV	15	160	11	322
DEC	0	0	0	0
YTD Totals	2556	2242	161	4959

Ben Campbell of Rural Hospital Systems provided an update. Platform is only good if people know the platform. Currently he has spoken with three companies regarding our data. LifeMed AI out of Florida is one of the 2 that are interested in becoming our billing company if good data is provided. He plans to put initially three million dollars into the building, personnel and services. Ben has hired two consultants to back Rachel. He plans on making Clinton the showcase and will visit with Cordell and Hobart. Elk City is interested in speaking with him. Ben plans on creating a hospital eco-system with 4-5 hospitals. Beckers Payor Conference

confirmed that this model is being attempted to larger facilities. Ben believes another year of operation is needed to have clean and true data. He plans to create a suite of insurances to hospital meanwhile. Currently he is disappointed in our AR and can see potential liability by TrueBridge, but won't bank on money from a lawsuit. The AI will help us establish a database with good data.

Trustee Kelly Cornell asked Mr. Campbell if he would be willing to speak to the public (like a Town Hall meeting) to give information on Rural Hospital Systems. Mr. Campbell states they will hold meetings with the public and work on getting more information out to the public.

Motion was made by Trustee Chris Jones and Seconded by Kevin Wolters to acknowledge receipt of the Executive Report

Chairman Kenneth Baker put in motion roll call vote:

Aye: Chris Jones, Kevin Wolters, Kelly Cornell, Kenneth Baker

Nay: none

Chairman declared the motion carried.

## 2. GPO Service Agreement Ortho-Clinical Diagnostics – No action taken.

### **IV. FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

Motion was made by Trustee Kelly Cornell and Second by Chris Jones to approve Hospital Financial Report with Profit and Loss Statement

Chairman Kenneth Baker put in motion roll call vote:

Aye: Kelly Cornell, Chris Jones, Kevin Wolters, Kenneth Baker

Nay: none

Chairman declared the motion carried.

B. Invoices to be paid-

Stephanie Bustos asked to approve outstanding invoices 31 days and older.

Motion was made by Trustee Kelly Cornell and seconded by Chris Jones to approve the payment of outstanding invoices 31 days and older

Chairman Kenneth Baker put in motion roll call vote:

Aye: Kelly Cornell, Chris Jones, Kevin Wolters, Kenneth Baker

Nay: none

Chairman declared the motion carried.

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

**None presented.**

**VI. Adjourn**

A motion was made by Trustee Chris Jones and seconded by Kevin Wolters to Adjourn

Chairman Kenneth Baker put in motion roll call vote:

Aye: Chris Jones, Kevin Wolters, Kelly Cornell, Kenneth Baker

Nay: None

Chairman declared the motion carried and meeting adjourned at 01:07 pm

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Date Approved

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Kenneth Baker, Chairman