

Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Lori Penner
Jeff Yarrow
Richard Cott
Sandy Fox

OTHER PERSONS PRESENT

Austin Gillard
Erin Kurtz
Janet Fisher
Julie Noah

REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE - PUBLIC HEARING

Lori Penner called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. to conduct the Revenue Neutral Rate hearing. No members of the public were present. Erin Kurtz presented the 2025 Statutory Budget, with supporting documentation. After discussion, motion made by Sandy Fox, seconded by Jeff Yarrow, to approve exceeding the revenue neutral rate mill levy of 5.926 by maintaining the current mill levy of 5.989 that has been in place for many years. Motion carried 4-0. The Public Hearing closed at 8:08 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Lori Penner called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Lori Penner asked if there were any corrections to the board minutes from August 26, 2024. Motion made by Richard Cott, seconded by Jeff Yarrow, to approve the board minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

AGENDA REVIEW

Nothing to add

OLD BUSINESS

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NEW BUSINESS

a. Quality Presentation

Janet Fisher and Julie Noah presented about the new HCAHPS inpatient survey. Several questions are being removed and the survey will be simpler for patients. Julie Noah talked about our new HoverMatt and how this equipment will be used throughout the facility. Julie and Janet then discussed Elsevier Skills, how this program will be used for education, and a resource for our team to review evidence based competencies.

b. Home Purchase Inquiry

Austin Gillard let the board know of two neighbors that have asked if Clay County Medical Center would be interested in purchasing their home for visiting medical providers and team members. After discussion, it was decided we would not be purchasing additional property at this time.

c. Medicare Advantage

Austin Gillard informed the board that after six months of Medicare Advantage negotiations with United Healthcare and Humana, Clay County Medical Center will not be contracted for plan year 2025. United Healthcare and Humana were not open to reimbursing Clay County Medical Center our current Medicare rates. Last week, LMH Health (Lawrence, KS) announced it was terminating all Medicare Advantage agreements for the 2025 plan year. Humana is also dropping 10% of their Medicare Advantage members due to the cost to care for the Medicare Advantage members.

d. Quest Diagnostics

Austin Gillard notified the board that a few patients are requesting that Clay County Medical Center draw their lab and send the lab work to Quest Diagnostics so it is cheaper. Clay County Medical Center is not a Quest Diagnostics Preferred Laboratory Network provider.

e. Hypoglossal Nerve Neurostimulator

Dr. Eric Purdom, ENT, would like to continue to grow his surgical abilities at Clay County Medical Center. One procedure he would like to expand is Inspire® therapy. This is a mask-free solution for people with obstructive sleep apnea who have tried and struggled with CPAP. This straightforward system includes the Inspire® implant, a remote, and an app, enabling patients to breathe normally and achieve restful sleep. The cost of the NIM™ intraoperative neuromonitoring system is \$54,805.75. This neuromonitoring is needed to perform the procedure. After discussion, motion made by Richard Cott, seconded by Sandy Fox, to approve the NIM™ intraoperative neuromonitoring system for \$54,805.75. Motion carried 3-0.

AUSTIN GILLARD, CEO

a. CMS 5-Star Rating - Cleanliness & Nurse Communication

Clay County Medical Center was recognized as a top 350 cleanest hospitals and top 418 best hospitals for nurse communication. This is due to our CMS 5-Star rating. The star rating is based on survey data collected from hospital patients between July 2022 and June 2023. Congratulations team!

b. Construction Update

Austin Gillard gave an update on the construction project and timeline. On Monday next week, we will start installing the temporary ADA parking and directional signage. On Tuesday, crews will remove the light poles in the parking lot. Wednesday to Friday, concrete saw cutting will take place to remove the parking lot in manageable pieces. The week of September 23, we will remove the entire parking lot as outlined in previous communication. The emergency department exterior project will start the week of October 7.

c. General Update

- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and Wisconsin Physicians Service Insurance Corporation (WPS) are mailing written notifications to 946,801 people with Medicare whose personally identifiable information may have been exposed, informing them of the breach and explaining actions being taken in response. WPS is a CMS contractor that handles Medicare Part A/B claims and related services for CMS.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 1, 2024 at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Austin M. Gillard