

January 6, 2020

The regular meeting of the Board of Texas County Commissioners was called to order by Ted Keeling, Chairman. Richard Bryan and Jack Strain, members and Wendy Johnson, County Clerk were present. Harold Tyson, Emergency Management Director and Mike Boring, District Attorney, Carla Hernandez, Barbara Campbell, Shirley Cannon, Mike Shannon, Susan Barias, Emmanuel Barias, Michele Reust, Reese Thompson and Tammy Arnold was also present.

The agenda was filed on January 3, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. in compliance with the Open Meeting Act.

Keeling verified we were in compliance with the Open Meeting Act with all board members present.

Motion by Strain, second by Bryan to approve blanket purchase orders for usage.

GENERAL: 203003, Texas Co Reg Juvenile Detention Ctr, \$4000.00; 203004, Texas Co Reg Juvenile Detention Ctr, \$4000.00; 203005, Matt Boley Tx County Sheriff, \$1000.00; 203006, Matt Boley Tx County Sheriff, \$1000.00; 203010, Tisdale & Ohara PLLC, \$4982.00; 203011, Mungias Heating & Air Cond Inc, \$1000.00.

DISTRICT #1: 203012, Guymon Daily Herald, \$50.00.

DISTRICT #2: 203013, Guymon Daily Herald, \$50.00.

DISTRICT #3: 203014, Guymon Daily Herald, \$50.00.

HEALTH MILL LEVY: 203015, Walmart Community, \$200.00; 203016, Walmart Community, \$200.00; 203017, Guymon Heating and Air LLC, \$500.00; 203018, Guymon Heating and Air LLC, \$500.00.

JUVENILE DETENTION: 203019, Walmart Community, \$500.00; 203020, Walmart Community, \$750.00.

60% SHERIFF SALES TAX: 203007, Affiliated Foods, \$1000.00; 203008, Sysco Oklahoma A Division of Sysco USA II LLC, \$1000.00; 203009, U S Foodservice Inc, \$1000.00.

Aye: Keeling, Bryan. Nay: none.

Motion by Bryan, second by Strain to approve the following claims and purchase orders for payment.

GENERAL: 202416, 1100, **\$29.00**, Advanced Water Solutions, services; 202963, 1101, **\$200.00**, CODA, conference; 202642, 1102, **\$59.80**, Guymon Daily Herald, publication; 202452, 1103, **\$1324.55**, The Hooker Advance, publication; 202802, 1104, **\$1756.86**, Mathis Oil Co Inc, fuel; 201755, 1105, **\$248.42**, Matt Boley Tx County Sheriff, juvenile transport; 202453, 1106, **\$334.43**, Mayfield Paper Company, supplies; 202956, 1107, **\$236.96**, OESC, unemployment; 202944, 1108, **\$27.56**, OESC, unemployment; 202965, 1109, **\$7.64**, Scissortail Communications

LLC, services; 202945, 1110, **\$32.76**, Scissortail Communications LLC, services; 202902, 1111, **\$3.00**, Scissortail Communications LLC, services; 202903, 1112, **\$11.19**, Scissortail Communications LLC, services; 202437, 1113, **\$500.00**, Joshua Setzer, services; 201965, 1114, **\$120.00**, Southern Office Supply Inc, supplies; 202450, 1115, **\$281.55**, SPC Office Products, supplies; 200111, 1116, **\$211.92**, State Line Electric Inc, repairs; 202456, 1117, **\$18.00**, Tisdal & Ohara PLLC, legal; 202514, 1118, **\$1468.00**, TM Consulting Inc, services; 202888, 1119, **\$12,500.00**, Total Assessment Solutions Corp, 3rd Qtr. payment; 202964, 1120, **\$117.48**, Tri County Electric Coop Inc, utilities; 202895, 1121, **\$347.56**, Tri County Electric Coop Inc, utilities; 201563, 1122, **\$77.60**, Walmart Community, supplies.

DISTRICT #1: 202270, 1211, **\$1169.26**, Ameripride Linen and Apparel Services, uniforms; 201384, 1212, **\$577.42**, City of Hooker, utilities; 202272, 1213, **\$801.00**, Doris Davis Gravel Pit, gravel; 201117, 1214, **\$537.85**, Fronk Oil Company Inc, supplies; 202775, 1215, **\$9376.57**, Fronk Oil Company Inc, diesel; 202783, 1216, **\$631.76**, Guymon Tire & Auto, tires & fees; 202265, 1217, **\$168.09**, Hooker Hardware & Auto LLC, supplies; 202264, 1218, **\$773.68**, Hooker Hardware & Auto LLC, supplies & parts; 202267, 1219, **\$144.20**, Kost Truck Supply Inc, parts; 202268, 1220, **\$43.75**, Mayfield Paper Company, supplies; 202955, 1221, **\$170.20**, OESC, unemployment; 202269, 1222, **\$52.00**, Prairiefire Coffee Roasters, supplies; 201946, 1223, **\$135.00**, S & S Services LLC, services; 201385, 1224, **\$4.30**, Scissortail Communications LLC, services; 201123, 1225, **\$183.00**, Seward County Waste Hauling Mgt., services.

DISTRICT #2: 202957, 1226, **\$88.83**, OESC, unemployment; 202526, 1227, **\$1633.93**, Tri County Electric Coop Inc, utilities.

JUVENILE DETENTION: 202967, 249, **\$335.48**, City of Hooker, utilities; 202952, 250, **\$288.30**, OESC, unemployment; 202942, 251, **\$4.81**, Scissortail Communications LLC, services.

COUNTY CLERK LIEN FEE: 201974, 35, **\$80.65**, Prairiefire Coffee Roasters, supplies.

LEPC: 202082, 14, **\$16.79**, SPC Office Products, supplies.

SHERIFF FORFEITURE: 202892, 13, **\$65.43**, Tri County Electric Coop Inc, utilities.

HEALTH MILL LEVY: 202610, 136, **\$35.00**, Advanced Water Solutions, rental; 202037, 137, **\$950.00**, Carmen Dominguez, services; 202275, 138, **\$143.00**, Kayla N Marler, travel; 202782, 139, **\$525.38**, Quill Corporation, supplies; 202943, 140, **\$94.82**, Scissortail Communications LLC, utilities; 202806, 141, **\$60.00**, SPC Office Products, services; 202885, 142, **\$893.30**, Tri County Electric Coop Inc, utilities.

60% SHERIFF SALES TAX: 202741, 402, **\$724.00**, Affiliated Foods, groceries; 202593, 403, **\$255.00**, American Fire Sprinkler Corp, services; 201145, 404, **\$105.00**, JJ's Plumbing, repairs; 202958, 405, **\$518.67**, OESC, unemployment; 202951, 406, **\$101.76**, Scissortail Communications LLC, services; 202893, 407, **\$89.99**, Sound Service/Radio Shack Dealer, equipment; 202745, 408, **\$970.67**, Sysco Oklahoma A Division of Sysco USA II LLC, groceries; 202891, 409, **\$2760.69**, Tri County Electric Coop Inc, utilities; 202744, 410, **\$940.58**, U S Foodservice Inc, groceries; 201594, 411, **\$70.98**, Walmart Community, supplies.

COURT CLERK: 202960, 80, **\$153.16**, OESC, unemployment.

Aye: Keeling, Bryan. Nay: none.

Motion by Bryan, second by Strain to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as written. Aye: Bryan, Strain, Keeling. Nay: none.

Tyson gave update on Emergency Management.

Motion by Strain, second by Bryan to approve Officer's report for the month of December subject to audit: Matt Boley, Sheriff - \$11,874.87, Judyth Campbell, Assessor - \$263.14, Juvenile Detention Center - \$33,921.80, Commissioners 911 - \$16,994.26, Wendy Johnson, County Clerk \$16,193.30. Aye: Bryan, Strain, Keeling. Nay: none

Motion by Strain, second by Bryan to approve the Transfer of Appropriations for Sheriff Sales Tax; \$10,000.00 from 1315-2-8004-4110 capital outlay to 1315-2-8004-2005 maintenance and operations. Aye: Bryan, Strain, Keeling. Nay: none

Motion by Bryan, second by Strain to approve the Transfer of Funds for the following highway funds: \$409.39 from 1102-6-4100-2005 to 1103-6-6010-2005 , \$486.16 from 1102-6-4200-2005 to 1103-6-6020-2005, \$383.82 from 1102-6-4300-2005 to 1103-6-6030-2005, \$434.30 from 1102-6-4100-2005 to 1103-6-6010-2005, \$736.42 from 1102-6-4200-2005 to 1103-6-6020-2005, \$717.55 from 1102-6-4300-2005 to 1103-6-6030-2005 due to the Treasurer started splitting 1102 and 1103 accounts interest instead of it all being together and it was missed on the apportionment. Aye: Bryan, Strain, Keeling. Nay: none

Motion by Strain, second by Bryan to approve the claim to the state for reimbursement of salary for the Election Board in the amount of \$2,550.12. Aye: Bryan, Strain, Keeling. Nay: none

Motion by Strain, second by Bryan to approve the request for Allocation of Alcoholic Beverage Tax for the month of December.

City or Town	Total
Guymon	22,432.59
Hooker	3,760.33
Texhoma	1,815.47
Goodwell	2,534.99
Tyrone	1,493.94
Hardesty	415.63
Optima	697.96
Total	33,150.91

Aye: Bryan, Strain, Keeling. Nay: none

Motion by Strain, second by Bryan to approve the Revised Informal Interlocal Agreement for Joint Emergency Management Services between the City of Guymon and Texas County. Aye: Bryan, Strain, Keeling. Nay: none

Dr. Barias updated the Commissioners. He said he wanted to report the hospital is healthy and thriving. We have increased our number of employees by about 25%. Before SRP, we had 191 after SRP left, we had 92. Now we are up to 121. Most importantly, our payroll is, and has been, met without external monetary help since June 2019. We pay our employees on time every 2 weeks. Albeit in small amount, we were able to give a Christmas bonus to all employees for the first time in years. We reinstated benefits taken away by previous management companies, includes PTO, 401K match. We adjusted wages to fair market values. We increased employee and community morale for the hospital. We are getting more praises now than ever before. We are paying our payables on time. We no longer have payables older than 90 days for all vendors, nor older than 30 days for local vendors. We have paid for facility improvements and maintenance costs without county money assistance, for all our buildings. We have replaced and/or repaired so many air conditioning and heating units on our budget. The repairs to the Med-Surg air conditioning unit left non-functional for years by previous administrations have been done. We have started improvements in the revenue cycle, and increased daily collections from less than \$17,000/day to over \$24,000/day on average. We are collecting around \$27,000/per day in December. The instituted safety measures for patients called Med Verify: a technology that verifies medications to patients. This is a standard all over the country that past administrations took away because of cost. We have purchased Activase for our ER, a critical medication for heart attacks and strokes. Unavailability caused EMS diverts for these illnesses. While we are not a Stroke Center, we can now provide emergency care for heart attacks and stroke like any tertiary hospital in the country. We have purchase CroFab for the ER, an essential anti-venom the previous administrations cannot afford to supply. We have only had two nuisance complaints to CMS cleared without the need for outside consultants and the medical staff is active again. Committees dissolved by previous administrations have been reinstated and we are compliance to CMS requirements for med staff. The cost reports show we are owed \$295,819 from CMS and there is no claw back. We have extra cash in the bank in the amount of \$85,000 as of January 6, 2020. The ER has been repainted; 3 entrance foyers re-tiled; the Pink Ladies helped get \$5,000 in donations to repaint MedSurg. MHTCA is now, truly, after so many management companies, a true community hospital.

As you now, I have been in this post since May 2019. If you recall, you invited all community physicians to a meeting in April 2019, asked for our help. Two doctors joined the Board, you asked me to be Interim CEO. I did not seek this position, and neither did I seek compensation, and this year, I am also: Vice Chief of Staff, Chairman of Credentialing Committee, On-Call for ER as admitting physician and Medical Director for Health Plaza North. All these are unpaid responsibilities.

The main question I have been asked by so many, and maybe you should ask me, too, is how I could have made this hospital thrive, even without that FACHE degree all other failed administrators possessed, that I was even cited for in a complaint lodged by a recently terminated hospital consultant to out insurance carrier.

May I suggest:

The only way this hospital could move forward is to get more services in. More physicians. It needs products to sell, not more managers to feed. Let's not focus too much on the number of patients at MedSurg. Nor how many physicians are admitting patients. The hospital earns in so

many other ways. Focus instead on why we have a hospital: to care for our citizens in Texas County. Our intention is patient care. The intentions of management companies are solely to make money. Remit any and all hospital intended sales tax revenue to the Board and or MHTCA administration for operations and managements. Taxpayers intended this money for the hospital and should be able to use it as it deems necessary.

Know that community physicians will oppose another management company taking over the hospital. That includes me. If MHTCA fails again because of yet another management company, and another tax is imposed, this is on you, for the record.

Please stop destroying the morale of the employees and the taxpayers, and adversely affecting the reputation of the hospital. Inviting yet another hospital management company is one example. We've worked so hard to earn their trust back, and yet here we go again. If we can't convince you that our hospital is back on its feet again, how can we convince the people? Instead, please help us check Liberal's encroaching into our community, poaching physicians, patients, and services from our county to theirs. Don't be fooled by malicious people. At this point, I know the hospital status more than anyone. Please talk to me.

Mike Boring, District Attorney joined the meeting.

Motion by Strain, second by Bryan to approve **Resolution #74-19-20** for a Utility Permit with PTCI for a phone line in the SE/4 of the SW/4 of Section 26-T1N-R11ECM to the SW/4 of the SW/4 of Section 28-T1N-R11ECM all requirements of the permit must be met and it shall be bored. Aye: Bryan, Strain, Keeling. Nay: none

Motion by Strain, second by Bryan to table the Utility Permit with TKO Gas until they call and talk to Strain about what they are doing. Aye: Bryan, Strain, Keeling. Nay: none

Motion by Bryan, second by Strain to award Bid #6-19-20 for Ballot Printing to Mid-West Printing per the request of the Election Board Secretary. Aye: Bryan, Strain, Keeling. Nay: none

There was no request for financial assistance for Memorial Hospital Trust Authority.

There were no Charity Requests to be approved.

Boring had nothing to report.

The meeting was recessed until 1:30 p.m.

1:30 p.m. Meeting was reconvened with Ted Keeling, Jack Strain, Richard Bryan, Mike Boring, Mike Carter, Wendy Johnson, Sean Kirrane, Michele Reust, Sally Hawkins, Carla Hernandez, Susan Barias, Brianna Bailey, Mitch Eggers and Tammy Arnold.

Sean Kirrane with Hospital Advisory and Management Services Group LLC gave a presentation on the operations of hospitals.

Motion by Bryan, second by Strain to adjourn. Aye: Bryan, Strain, Keeling. Nay: none

Adjourned.

I, Wendy Johnson, the duly elected and qualified County Clerk in and for Texas County, Oklahoma, do certify the above is a true and complete statement of the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners held in this office on January 6, 2020.

Wendy Johnson

Wendy Johnson, County Clerk

Ted Keeling

Ted Keeling, Chairman

Jack Strain

Jack Strain, Member

Richard Bryan

Richard Bryan, Member