

SABINE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING MINUTES

September 8, 2016

The Sabine County Hospital District Board of Directors met for a Special Meeting on September 8, 2016 at 12:00 PM in the Sabine County Hospital Board Room.

**Present**

**Phil Yocom, President**  
**Earl Willis, Board Member**  
**Joe McNaughten, Secretary**  
**Mark Pearson, Vice President**  
**Gary Williams, EMS Administrator**  
**Diane Powell, Hospital Administrator**  
**Emily Taylor, Administrative Assistant**

**Others Present**

**Martha Stone, Sabine County Tax Assessor**  
**Penny Ferguson, Daily News and More**  
**Montez McNaughten, Sabine County Citizen**

- I. Mr. Yocom called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.
- II. No Public comments.
- III. Ms. Powell stated that the budget was figured using the roll back tax rate. She stated that Mr. Willis had talked about using the effective rate and that can still be done if the board requests that she do that. Ms. Powell stated that for income she keep the interest on the checking and CD's the same as 2016's Budget year, Tobacco Fund decreased to \$21,000 because of what was received in 2016. Ms. Powell stated that she broke Reimbursement out into two categories one for the Hospital District and one for EMS. She stated that there has always been a line item for Reimbursements but the District really doesn't receive a lot of reimbursements maybe \$1000. EMS does receive reimbursements in grants and returned items so she added the line item for EMS Reimbursements. Ms. Powell stated that EMS Income has changed. She stated that her and Mr. Williams have looked over the past 2 year's income and think this figure is a more around \$700,000 to \$800,000. She stated that \$100,000 is a large window, however with EMS you just don't know for sure. She stated she also added Ambulance UPL revenue. She stated that the lease payments stayed the same so the total income compared to last year is \$110,000 less if you go with the roll back rate. Ms. Powell stated that the District's side of the expenses she moved some of her salary into District Salary since she does work with both sides. She stated that she gave the First Responder a little bump in money due to they have not had an increase since 2009 but that will be something that has to be voted by the Board members in the September regular meeting. She stated that the Appraisal District increased significantly, decreased Advertisement by \$1,000, and also decreased Audit and Legal. She stated that the Capital Reserve Outlay is basically the amount that is left. Ms. Powell stated if you look at EMS Expenses the salaries decreased \$10,000, Payroll Taxes are \$235,000 but that is something you are guessing at, benefits went up to \$76,000. She stated that benefit line looks like lot but half of that amount comes out of the employees check to pay that. She stated that Office Expense was at

\$30,000, Medical Supplies are at \$40,000. She stated that fuel went down. She stated that when she negotiated the fuel man contract the District does not pay taxes on fuel. Ms. Powell stated that this is still just budget and if gas prices go up to \$3.00 a gallon then we still only pay about \$2.80 due to not having to pay taxes. She stated that at the pump shows we do but when fuel man sends the bill it shows the pump amount and the less the tax amount. She stated that the rent went down to \$11,000 because there was talk about buying a trailer for a new station so we do not have to rent. She stated that utilities may have to change a little due to them being so high. She stated that the building we are in right now is running \$750 and month and the station is running \$1,100. Ms. Powell stated that the Education and expenses are at 15,000 because that is where we are at this year and insurance went up \$1,000 but that covers your workmen comp and everything. Mr. Yocom stated that nothing will be adopted today just discussed. Mr. Willis stated that he does not see loan payments on the budget anymore does that mean the loan is paid off. Ms. Powell stated the way it was budgeted last year the loan would be paid off in December. Mr. Willis stated that the 2016 budget shows Preferred at \$820,000 and 2017 budget shows Preferred getting \$860,000. Ms. Powell stated yes the Preferred payment increases every year by \$40,000. Mr. Willis asked Mr. Pearson if he foresees any big purchases in the next year. Mr. Pearson stated the only big purchase he can see is the one that have to do with the moving forward with the EMS station building and possible a remount on of the med units. Mr. Yocom asked if that would cost \$20,000. Ms. Powell stated that Mr. Williams was working on getting a firm number on that they have been pricing the dodge 4500 chassis and the A/C unit will have to be up graded on that unit it will cost a little more than a normal remount. Mr. Willis asked Mr. Pearson when he says station expense is he talking about the building or the purchase of a trailer. Mr. Pearson stated it depends on what the Board decides. Mr. Willis asked how much they was looking at on spending on a remount. Mr. Pearson stated the chassis alone would be around \$25,000 to \$30,000. Mr. Willis asked if the budget was just being discussed and not voted on. Mr. Yocom stated yes it was just being discussed. Ms. Powell stated that it wouldn't be adopted until the regular meeting on September 26, 2016. Mr. Yocom asked what the ballpark price was to remount the unit. Ms. Powell stated that the price for a regular remount without having to upgrade the A/C is about \$12,000, then we have to pay for the chassis and the upgrading on the A/C unit will run around \$8,000. She stated that the unit that was purchased when EMS started wouldn't need to have the A/C upgraded when they are remounted but the Med 3 box is an older box. Mr. Willis asked for Ms. Powell to explain the Ambulance UPL again and if they would receive payment this year for that. Ms. Powell stated yes she received a letter on September 1, 2016 that stated that payment should be made within 45 day and it would be about \$72,000, this year. Ms. Powell stated that we was due \$123,000 but there wasn't enough money in the pot for everyone so everyone took a 40% cut. She stated she was upset about it at first then she thought about it and it is \$72,000 that EMS didn't have and this is only for a 6 month period. Mr. Willis asked if they would be shutting the Ambulance UPL down, Ms. Powell stated the Ambulance UPL was extended until 2020 but the Nursing home UPL was not.

Recess for 15 Minute

Mr. Yocom stated meeting was brought back to order at 12:23 P.M. He stated no public showed up bring any concerns to the board's attention. Mr. McNaughten motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Pearson seconded. Motion passed.

IV. See above.

V. Meeting adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

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