

**Kimble County Hospital District**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, August 26, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.**

Members present: Claudette Primeaux, Trey Sullivan, Bobby Chenault, Barbara Conklin and Bill Simon. Stan Schuster and Marshall Heap were unable to attend. Preferred Hospital Leasing Junction: Duke Young. Visitors: Junction Eagle reporter: Sara Harrison along with her husband Larry Harrison.

**1. Call to order and establish quorum.**

A quorum was established. The meeting was called to order by Board President Primeaux at 6:07 p.m. in the conference room of the Kimble Hospital. Mr. Chenault opened the meeting with prayer.

**2. Public comment (limited to 5 minutes/participant or 15 minutes/organization).**

There were no public comments.

**3. Approval of prior meeting minutes (July 22, 2019).**

The board reviewed the minutes from July 22, 2019. No issues were noted.

*Mr. Simon made the motion to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Mr. Sullivan, motion passed 5-0, unanimously approved by all members present.*

**4. Discuss and consider update by Preferred on operation of KCHD's medical facilities and administration.**

Mr. Young gave an update on the activities at the Hospital and Clinic for June 2019.

1. Hospital/ Clinic Reports

a. Key Statistics

- i. August inpatient days were down 46%
- ii. Outpatient Services
  - 1. Radiology ---down 7%
  - 2. Physical Therapy --up 10%
  - 3. Laboratory ---down 1%
- iii. ER Visits were ----down 9%
- iv. Clinic Visits -----up 15%
- v. Patient Transfers ---down 47%

2. Capital Projects

- a. Roof Pros Company was selected from three bids received to repair the roof from damage previously reported; work to begin by end of the week. Along with the amount to be paid by Preferred for the repair, there will also be a maintenance agreement with the company.
- b. Computers being upgraded to Windows 10 (and 7- 48 port switches.) Discussion ensued about what to do with the old computers and switches specifically as explained by Mr. Young. Also Deanne Allen (KCHD Board accountant) has been kept informed by Mr. Young on the purchases and potential donations of retired equipment to keep current the KCHD asset listing.  
ACTION TO BE TAKEN: Mr. Sullivan to check with the school to see if the computers and switches mentioned could be used there as a donation.

3. Med Staff

- a. Dr. Zepeda to assume Lab Director responsibilities

Mr. Young entertained considerable discussion from various members of the Board on the report he had given. Mr. Young spoke of possibly holding a mini-clinic in Rocksprings and also addressed President Primeaux previous KCHD meeting question about the possible veterans care at Junction Medical Clinic----Junction Medical Clinic is in network per Mr. Young. Mr. Young concluded his report.

*No other action was required and none was taken.*

- 5. Discuss and consider KCHD Treasurer's reports (financial, budget, and bill payments).**  
Mr. Sullivan presented the financials in detail and one bill and to be paid an IGT payment to be made. Mr. Sullivan spent time explaining the IGT payment of around \$805,000. IGT payment approval process has been established at prior KCHD meetings, as long as they are within the amounts owed to Preferred, the payment can be made by KCHD treasurer.  
The bill presented to be paid was to Kimble Central Appraisal District the 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr. allocation of \$20,339. Mr. Young also took the opportunity to add comments about the new IGT calculations.  
*Mr. Simon made a motion to approve the financials as presented for the month of August 2019 and pay the bill presented, seconded by Mrs. Conklin, motion passed 5-0.*
- 6. Discuss Kimble CAD proposed 2020 budget and public hearing scheduled for August 29, 2019. No action required.**  
This item was taken up after Item 7 and 8.  
Board President Primeaux informed the board of the upcoming hearing on the proposed 2020 budget for Kimble CAD.  
*No action was taken.*
- 7. Discuss and consider proposed KCHD budget for 2019-2020**  
Discussion on this Item 7 and Item 8 were rolled into the end of Mr. Sullivan's financial briefing, Item 6 was skipped and gone back to after 7 and 8 were done.  
Mr. Sullivan (Board Treasurer) led discussion on KCHD budget and he also had to fold in Item 8 to be able to determine the final proposed budget. Each category of the budget was considered as recommended by Mr. Sullivan and the newly formed budget was agreed upon by the board to be used to set the proposed tax rate for 2020.
- 8. Discuss and consider proposed Hospital District 2019 M&O and I&S tax rates and process required to adopt.**  
Mr. Sullivan, along with much consideration of the rest of the board, proposed keeping I&S rate the same as last year at .1430, and with sound reasoning to increase M&O from .2200 up to .2210. This would make a combined rate of .3640.  
President Primeaux explained to the board that there would need to be two public hearings scheduled to be able to adopt the new rate. After consideration and discussion of the board, the meetings were set for September 12<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> 2019 at noon.
- 9. Discuss and consider date and agenda items for next meeting(s).**  
The next meeting date was discussed around dealing with the proposed tax rate and a public hearing was set for Wednesday September 12, with a second hearing at noon September 18. Discussion was held on the legality of holding a meeting immediately after the second hearing. This to be able to do business on the tax rate proposed (if possible) due to timing and because of Board member availability.
- 10. Adjourn**  
The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted:



Bobby Chenault, Board Secretary