

Kimble County Hospital District
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, August 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Bill Simon, Bobby Chenault (via zoom), Barbara Conklin, Lewis Allen, Nicholas Lumbley and Marshall Heap. Paul Bierschwale was unable to attend. Preferred Hospital Leasing, Junction, Inc.; Duke Young PHLJ Hospital Administrator.

Visitors: Junction Eagle reporter: Larry Harrison for Sarah.

1. Call to order and establish quorum.

A quorum was established, 6 members present. The meeting was called to order by Board President Simon at 6:01 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 was no public comment.

3. Approval of prior meeting minutes: July 26, 2021.

Board President Simon led the board to review and adopt the minutes presented.

After review of the July 26, 2021 minutes; *Mrs. Conklin made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Mr. Allen seconded the motion, the motion passed 5-0, one abstained (Lumbley abstained---he was not present at that meeting) .*

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

Mr. Young reported covid positive reports were up and ER and hospital staff were really getting stretched to handle the I.A.'s that are being brought in (groups---not one at a time) after wrecking out and or whatever situation cause them to need medical attention. Young submitted this report on the activities at the Hospital and Clinic to date:

1. Hospital/ Clinic Reports.

a. Key Statistics

i.	Inpatient days	down	66%
ii.	Outpatient Services		
	1. Radiology	up	16%
	2. Laboratory	up	4%
iii.	ER Visits were	227 up	26%
iv.	Clinic Visits	up	8%
	1. JMC	437	
	2. RSMC	76	
v.	Patient Transfers	up	33%

2. Vaccine update: Vaccine will be given every other Wednesday now through September in an effort to make it more available and get folks inoculated against the covid. Young also spoke of the collaboration of Kimble Hospital Med staff and Fronterra on reporting covid positives in the community and establishing a threshold for the community that would enact the lockdowns that were put into place at the height of the pandemic in order to protect healthcare workers in key positions.
3. Capital Equipment Update; AC unit and CT scanner were in need of repair (even though they are scheduled for replacement, this due to a freak lightning strike or other undetermined cause. Replacements are still on schedule for the coming weeks.
4. Medical Staff Update: Udall has not been re-contracted and search is on for replacement to fit in the PHLJ model for staffing the clinic (Junction and Rocksprings) and ER rotation.

No action was required and none was taken.

5. Discuss and consider KCHD Treasurer's reports (financial, budget, and bill payments).

Mrs. Conklin presented the current financials (including a follow up on the transfers made last month) through August 16, 2021 and also reported that no bills had been presented tonight for payment.

Board President Simon called for action on the presented financials.

Chenault made a motion to approve the financials, the motion was seconded by Heap and the motion passed 6-0.

6. Discuss and consider 2021-2022 draft budget in preparation for tax rate calculations.

Conklin spoke on work being done and the information that was needed to complete the process. This item will be picked up at the next meeting.

No action taken.

7. Discuss and consider updating Bylaws

Board President Simon spoke on his review of the By-Laws, gave some observations and entertained board input.

No action taken.

8. Discuss and consider proposed KCHD 2021-2022 M&O and I&S tax rates.

More information was needed.

No action taken.

9. Discuss and consider State funded COVID19 available dollars.

Board President Simon spoke of the need to get with AJ Heap (County Attorney) to seek out funds that may be available to counties (Hospital Districts) due to the covid.

No action taken.

10. Discuss and consider date and agenda items for next meeting(s).

President Simon led the board to set a date for the next regularly scheduled KCHD Board meeting for September. Dates and items were discussed. After consideration and discussion, *Chenault made a motion to set the next KCHD Board Meeting for September 20th 2021 at 6:00 pm in the Kimble Hospital meeting room and Conklin seconded the motion and the motion passed 6-0.*

11. Adjourn.

Allen made the motion the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Lumbley---all agreed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted:


Bobby Chenault, Board Secretary