

**Mountainview Medical Center
Board of Directors Meeting
June 22, 2011**

Present: Bill Galt – Chair, Bill Schendel, Otto Ohlson, Shane Sereday, Chad Evans, Lisa Gilbertson, Rick Seidlitz, Chris Schlepp, Dave Wendt, Aaron Rogers – CEO, Tony Pfaff – Cypress Healthcare.

Absent: Helen Hanson (excused), Chad Evans

1. Call to Order

Bill called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

2. Minutes

Bill asked if everyone had a chance to review last month's minutes; were there any corrections or additions. Motion made to approve the minutes by Lisa seconded by Rick. **Motion Passed**

Last month the Board discussed the mill levy and requested that Otto check on the eight permanent mills. A letter was received from Dayna Ogle, Clerk & Recorder, and was distributed to board members by email. It confirmed the eight mills can be "parked" - meaning that the tax payers will not be assessed. *"Simply put if the hospital board decides not to impose the levy on the taxpayers of Meagher County for any reason in any fiscal year the mills will not accumulate. If MVMC decides to request the levy again in the future please submit a written request to the Clerk & Recorder on or before August 1st of the given year. At that time we will reactivate the 8 permanent mills."* This will save the tax payers approximately \$60,000 per year. Aaron emphasized that the letter needed to be easy to read and understand, so in 25 years it was comprehensible. It was clarified that the funds are not cumulative; they will not bank up. The same deadline applies to let the County know if the Board does not want to take the eight. The hospital has received the last payment of the levy's today. The timing is right for a clean break. Aaron stated that MMC has 1.8 million in the bank and it feels wrong to still tax the citizens. It was reiterated that to reinstate the eight mills it only takes a letter to Clerk & Recorder and Commissioners. Motion was made by Chris to NOT take the eight (8) permanent mills this year. Woodie seconded. The 20 mills have expired. They are not on the table. There was some concern that the public knows that they are up. There was some question if another motion had to be made that the board doesn't want to take the 20. Public comment - none. A letter will be written to deny taking the eight permanent mills (park them). Vote – unanimous. **Motion Passed.** Motion was made by Otto to not ask for the special 20 mills for the next fiscal year; seconded by Shane. Public comment – none. Vote - unanimous. **Motion Passed.**

4. Financials

Aaron gave an overview of the May financials:

- General checking balance (Bank of the Rockies) as of May 31st: \$820,971
- Current checking account balance as of June 14: \$881,355
- Net patient revenue: \$388,347
- Net profit: \$11,104
- Cash collected: \$368,653
- Days in AR: 57
- Total amount of cash on hand (from the balance sheet): \$1,814,711.
\$823,805 in Bank of the Rockies, Bond Principal & Interest (is the rest of the money which includes the Bair Memorial grant funds, Dutton CD from Ranchers to the Rescue and Meagher County Community Foundation, US Bank) \$990,906.

Aaron stated these are all positive signs. The month showed a profit of \$11,104, year to date is \$8,674 with only a month to go. If June is good we may finish with a profit. This has been one challenge Aaron has wanted to reach since he started.

5. DON Report for May:

ER visits: 37

Acute days: 27

Skilled days: 47

Intermediate days: 536

17.29 census

No new hires, no travelers

Four satisfaction surveys were returned. Currently they are conducting CNA classes.

Aaron added that one of our RNs had a family emergency a month ago and Pearl has stepped up and worked a lot of nursing shifts. She is very much appreciated and also the fact of not having travelers or working the rest of the crew to death.

June is a little slower than May, but is holding strong. Aaron has heard multiple compliments regarding our Providers, Doug, and Nursing.

Information Items

Aaron thanked Woodie and Chad for their time on the board and the work they have done. Also, their positive attitudes all the time. Woodie stated she will still support the Board and will continue her work with the hospital guild.

Doug reported that the employee satisfaction survey has been given to Jake to put together. Doug will be the first person to go through it; but they are not to that point yet as Jake is on vacation.

Public Comment

John Potter asked if Otto could explain the Harmon Trust Fund and if it was public. Otto stated that it is used to pay back a loan made by previous board members. It is controlled by the Court House and is a Trust.

John believes that even if the Hospital doesn't take mill levy the Harmon money is public and gives the district board some right to exist and keep meetings open to the public. He questioned if the purpose of dropping the tax money was to close the meetings. Bill stated the money is not needed and it is sand bagging to use it. John asked if the board has had discussions to close the meetings. He then referenced a letter from the hospital's attorney regarding finance meetings and general meetings being closed. The letter states it may change in the future. Bill stated it has not been considered by the board; no discussion has been had.

John then asked about the video transcription of the meeting that was discussed last month. They have the camera but it is not hooked up yet, the IT person is on vacation.

John commented the board should be aware that the open meeting law will still apply whether or not they get tax money. Again, he questioned if the Board's next move is to close the meeting. They haven't discussed it yet, there are no alternative motives. The discussion was held two years ago to turn back the tax money and there was no district formed at that time. The hospital is in a far better situation now, which is why they are not taxing the citizens. Bill stated it might be a benefit, but is not the reason.

Pat McCoy read a prepared letter indicating the last meeting was much more relaxed, welcoming and open. He appreciated the call for public comment. He went on to say that not everything is wrong and nothing right. He listed off many good things about the hospital: financial challenges overcome, employees getting a three percent increase and health insurance, quality of care is excellent, high morale and new physician. He then made various comments regarding the web site including a request to identify providers and board members.

Janice McCoy then questioned the standing committees listed on the website. Aaron was unsure of what she was referring to. The only standing committees are finance and quality. She stated they only have reports from one committee. Aaron responded that Quality committee meetings discuss HIPAA related items and cannot be reported openly; the finance committee only makes recommendations. Internally they also have med staff meetings. There is also the liaison committee. More discussion was held about the website and the difficulty in updating and making changes. The hope is to totally overhaul it sometime in the future. She indicated she would like to see information on the providers and maybe a piece on employees. This would allow people to get to know the staff. Aaron asked if she would volunteer; she is tied up with research until October.

Motion was made to adjourn by Rick; seconded by Chris. Motion Passed, meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.