

Approval Date:  
May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024

MINUTES OF  
A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITRUS COUNTY HOSPITAL BOARD

**APRIL 22ND, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.**

(1) CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Citrus County Hospital Board of Trustees was held Monday, **April 22nd, 2024**, in the Conference Room at 123 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida 34450. Chairman Dr. Mark Fallows called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

(2) PUBLISHED MEETING LEGAL NOTICE

*(Agenda & Published Legal notice Copies On File)*

(3) QUORUM PRESENT

(4) ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present:

Dr. Mark Fallows (Chairman)  
Allan Bartell (Vice-Chairman/Secretary/Treasurer)  
Dr. Jeffrey Wallis (Trustee)

Board Members Not Present

Rick Harper (Trustee)

Also in attendance:

William Grant, Esq. (CCHB General Counsel)  
Richard Powell (CCHB CPA)  
Judy Dunn (CCHB Administrative Assistant)  
Kaylee Flaherty (CCHB Administrative Assistant)

Members of the Public:

Dr. Paresh Desai (Veterans Village)

(5) PUBLIC COMMENT

(6) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION by Dr. Wallis to accept the Minutes as presented, second by Mr. Bartell. No further discussion, the Motion passed unanimously, 3 -0.**

(7) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Richard Powell presented the March 2024 Finance Reports.

Discussion ensued regarding the Finance Reports.

**MOTION by Mr. Bartell to accept Finance Reports for March 2024 as presented, second by Dr. Wallis. No further discussion, the Motion passed unanimously, 3 -0.**

Richard Powell presented the March 2024 CCHB invoices. The invoices are as follows: The date should read April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, instead of April 24<sup>th</sup> 2024.

- Citrus Real Estate Investments 1, LLC for May rent in the amount of \$400.00.
- Powell Consulting for services 3/19-4/15/24 in the amount of \$6000.00.
- Karen Schapira, PPLC for March services in the amount of 3735.00
- Regions bank credit charges in the amount of \$679.98.
- Stericycle in the amount of 121.81.
- PMG Florida for legal ad in the amount of 19.60.

**MOTION by Mr. Bartell to approve payment of CCHB invoices, second by Dr. Wallis. No further discussion, the Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.**

Mr. Powell presented a condensed spreadsheet of the Veterans' Village financials from 2015-2023. The information was extracted from an Excel spreadsheet provided by officials of Veterans' Village of Citrus County. Mr. Powell expressed he was not asked to conduct an audit, merely to condense the information provided.

Mr. Grant presented an email exchange and stated there were extensive efforts by CCHB to collect information from the organization. They were able to contact Dr. Desai to gain information. No supporting documentation to the Excel balance sheet has yet been provided. Dr. Desai is working cooperatively with CCHB.

Dr. Desai addressed the trustees and stated no money has been paid to the board members and states the program is still working on projects. Construction costs have stabilized. The organization is waiting for legislation to come together in order to move forward.

Dr. Fallows stated the original question of Mr. Harper regarding the difference of money given to the organization and what has been returned to CCHB has been answered with the information provided. The \$183,000.00 in question was utilized accordingly.

Dr. Wallis also stated he believes the money given originally by the CCHB was used sparingly during the exploration of the program.

#### **(8) LEGAL**

Mr. Grant presented an email about the CF Line Act and the amount was matched by the State.

Mr. Grant handed out a letter received from Morgan and Morgan. The letter needed to be directed to HCA. Mr. Grant will send a reply letter to Morgan and Morgan and will continue to monitor.

There has been no information received from Dr. Savage regrading the Citrus Springs Property to date.

Attorney Grant reviewed a Memo from Karen Schapira regrading the HCA recoupment. Counsel will provide pleadings to HCA and HCA will approve and/or edit and then file. No substantial change has occurred.

(9) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**YMCA**

The YMCA approached the Board for potential financial support. The YMCA will have more information at the May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, CCHB meeting. Mr. Grants wants it known that CCCCCF was created by the CCHB, and their funds are provided by the CCHB. CCCCCF funds are CCHB provided funds.

Dr. Wallis states the YMCA needs to look at other entities for support and donations including HCA and the City of Inverness. Dr. Wallis also asked the Board if there is a donation amount the CCHB would agree on. Mr. Bartell advised that when the time comes the Board will look into the organizations that donated and the amount of donations received.

Dr. Fallows expresses that the YMCA is a wonderful organization but may not be the correct entity for CCHB to support. He feels using taxpayers' dollars to build an Inverness YMCA location may compete to heavily with local community businesses. This issue must be considered.

The Board feels that since HCA would benefit from a YMCA location, they need to provide a large portion of the requested funds.

Mr. Grant advised that he will call HCA at the directive of the YMCA, but will not call unless asked to do so. Mr. Grant will not call as General Counsel of the CCHB, but as a Citrus County Citizen.

**Doctors' Free Clinic**

Dr. Wallis said there is a lot going on at the clinic and his intention going forward is to bring a report back to the Board each month with a condensed list of needs from Citrus County citizens.

(10) NEW BUSINESS

(11) TRUSTEE COMMENTS

None.

(12) OTHER

(13) ADJOURMENT

**MOTION by Dr. Wallis, second by Mr. Bartell to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Allan Bartell  
Secretary/ Treasurer

1. April 22, 2024, Agenda.
2. Proof of Publication of Legal Notice.
3. Minutes from March 25, 2024.
4. Finance Reports for March 2024.
5. List of Invoices for Approval for March 2024.

6. Veterans Village Financial Transactions 2015-2023.
7. Email correspondence from CF Foundation.
8. Morgan and Morgan Letter.
9. Karen Schapira PLLC Memo 4.22.24.