

**AMARILLO HOSPITAL DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD OF MANAGERS
AMARILLO CITY HALL
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
MINUTES
February 11, 2002
7:30 A.M.**

<u>Members</u>	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Rick Jones, Chair	Yes
Mr. John Irwin	Yes
Mr. Ernie Boyd, Vice-Chair	Yes
Ms. Karen O'Hara, Secretary	Yes
Mr. Steve Walton	Yes
Ms. Nancy Seliger	Yes
Mr. Dave Taylor	Yes

Also Present

Mr. Marcus Norris	City Attorney-City of Amarillo
Mr. Dean Frigo	Finance Director, City of Amarillo
Ms. Debbie Close	Recording Secretary, City of Amarillo
Ms. Claudia Blackburn	Public Health Director-City of Amarillo
Ms. Ellen Lawrence	Funding Priorities Committee
Dr. Rebecca Robinson	Funding Priorities Committee
Dr. E. B. Sideris	Pediatric Cardiology
Mr. Craig Gualtiere	Randall County Commissioner
Mr. David Clark	Amarillo Area Healthcare Specialists
Mr. Bruce Tidmore	Fire District Chief, City of Amarillo

ITEM I: Mr. Jones called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. at City Hall, 509 East 7th Street, Third Floor, Commission Chambers, and welcomed those in attendance.

ITEM II: Presentation of Plaques. Mr. Jones presented plaques to Ms. Ellen Lawrence and Dr. Rebecca Robinson for their hard work on the Funding Priorities Committee. Mr. Jones also presented a plaque to Mr. Steve Walton for his impressive work as Chair of the Amarillo Hospital District Board of Managers from September 1999 to October 2001.

ITEM III: Mr. Jones presented the Minutes of the January 29, 2002 meeting. Motion for approval was made by Ms. Seliger, seconded by Mr. Boyd and unanimously carried.

ITEM IV: Executive Session to Discuss Pending Litigation. Mr. Norris said there was no pending litigation that needed to be discussed in Executive Session.

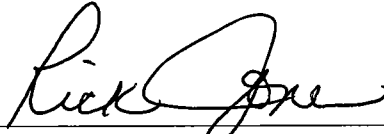
ITEM V: Consider Grant Application to the American Heart Association to purchase Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs). Mr. Gualtiere representing the American Heart

Association showed the Board a video explaining the benefits of AEDs. Mr. Gualtiere explained that having the ability to provide this medical technology quickly to a cardiac victim will make a profound impact on our community. Ms. Blackburn explained that an AED is a small portable machine that can assess the heart, detect a shockable rhythm and deliver an electrical shock to the heart if a shockable rhythm is detected. In some cases delivering an electric shock will restore the rhythm. This grant application will be in conjunction with the American Heart Association with the Amarillo Hospital District paying 50% of the cost of AEDs not to exceed \$69,138. The grant application includes 69 AEDs to be used in the Fire and the Police Departments for the City of Amarillo. Included in this purchase will be the replacement of the existing 15 units at the Fire Department. These units will be moved to strategic locations in municipal buildings within the City of Amarillo. Ms. Seliger asked what is the life span of AED units. District Chief Bruce Tidmore responded that the expected life is seven years. Mr. Irwin asked what the Board's policy was on tobacco proceeds. Mr. Frigo explained that it was at the discretion of the Board. Ms. O'Hara questioned whether this application was consistent with the Hospital District's mission. Mr. Irwin stated that in his opinion the tobacco money should be directed towards tobacco use projects and that he can see a direct correlation between tobacco use and heart disease. Mr. Taylor made a motion that the Board provide matching grant monies in the amount of 50% not to exceed \$69,138 for the purchase of 69 AEDs, Mr. Walton seconded and the motion unanimously carried.

ITEM VI: Public Comments.

Dr. Sideris stated that he has been a practicing pediatric cardiologist since 1983. He asked the Board to reassess their decision to support competing pediatric cardiologists. He questioned whether the distribution of taxpayer money is fair. Mr. David Clark representing AAHS and Texas Tech stated that studies done in 1995 and 1998 show that there were limited pediatric cardiologist services. He further stated that the services provided by AAHS and Texas Tech in this area are intended to enhance the existing cardiologist services.

ITEM VII: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 a.m. This meeting was recorded and all comments are on file in the City Finance Department.



Rick Jones, Chair



Karen O'Hara, Secretary