

**AMARILLO HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD OF MANAGERS  
AMARILLO CITY HALL  
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 3, 2009  
7:30 A.M.**

| <u>Members</u>            | <u>Present</u> |
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| Mr. Craig Bryan, Chairman | Yes            |
| Mr. Greg Graham           | No             |
| Mr. Alphonso Vaughn       | No             |
| Dr. Paul Proffer          | Yes            |
| Ms. Liz Hughes            | Yes            |
| Ms. Nancy Kritser         | Yes            |
| Ms. Murielle Barnes       | Yes            |

Also Present

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| Mr. Marcus Norris     | City Attorney, City of Amarillo                  |
| Mr. Dean Frigo        | Assistant City Manager, City of Amarillo         |
| Ms. Donna DeRight     | Recording Secretary, City of Amarillo            |
| Mr. Matt Richardson   | Public Health Director, City of Amarillo         |
| Mr. Herman Shirly     | Investment Officer, Herring Bank                 |
| Dr. Bonna G. Benjamin | Regional Chair, Department of Pediatrics, TTUHSC |

**ITEM 1:** Mr. Bryan established a quorum, called the meeting to order in the City Commission Chambers of City Hall, and welcomed everyone in attendance.

**ITEM 2:** Consider Resolution Regarding Medicaid Program. Mr. Frigo advised that the contract between the Amarillo Hospital District and Northwest Texas Healthcare System is effective through the year 2010. He noted that the funding amount of \$136,600.83 per month has already been approved through 2010 but the Amarillo Hospital District Board of Managers is required to approve it annually. Motion to approve the Resolution regarding the Medicaid Program was made by Dr. Proffer, seconded by Ms. Barnes, and unanimously carried.

**ITEM 3:** Consider Revised Remodeling Request from Texas Tech. Dr. Benjamin explained that a revision had been made to the original Department of Pediatrics Expansion project that was previously presented to the Board. She stated that after review and consideration of the original proposed expansion, it was determined that there is a need to solve the current issues at this time and not attempt the major renovation project. She also commented that at this time, they do not feel it is financially feasible to consider the original project. Dr. Benjamin advised that the need for additional exam rooms is of utmost importance in order to provide more patient care. She noted that the original cost of the project was approximately \$2 million, but with the revision to only construct additional exam rooms at this time, the cost would be around \$350,000. She commented that the project could be made possible if the Amarillo Hospital District would still be willing to provide their original commitment of \$250,000 and TTUHSC provide the remaining balance. Dr. Benjamin stated that this expansion would allow space sufficient for three to five years and then they could consider the possibility of the additional expansion. She stated that once Lubbock receives the funding, the project would go out for bid. She noted that if the bid were less than the estimated amount of the project, then the remaining funds would be split equally between the Amarillo Hospital District and TTUHSC. The Board expressed concern about giving the money upfront and asked if a letter of commitment would suffice. Mr. Norris advised the Board that there would need to be an Interlocal Agreement between the Amarillo Hospital District and TTUHSC setting out the details for the

project. Dr. Proffer made the motion to approve an Interlocal Agreement for funding of this project at fifty percent (50%) up to an amount of \$250,000 based on a Letter of Commitment for funding. Ms. Hughes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**ITEM 4:** Consider Investment Policy Amendment. Mr. Shirley asked the Board to consider increasing the percentage of funds that can be invested in U. S. Government Agencies from 85% to 95%. He advised that this would allow the money managers to hold less in short-term securities that are currently earning less than .25%. He noted that these funds could be then be invested in U.S. Government Agencies with maturities of three to five years which would have a yield from 2% to 4% and at an average return of 3%, this could increase the amount of income earned by the Fund annually by \$300,000.00. Mr. Frigo advised that this would be a change to the Investment Policy and Roy Browning with Wachovia Securities would need to review the change before the Board could consider it.

**ITEM 5:** Committee Reports. There were no Committee Reports.

**ITEM 6:** Public Comments. No public comments were made.

**ITEM 7:** Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. This meeting was recorded and all comments are on file in the City Finance Department.



Craig Bryan, Chairman



Murielle Barnes, Secretary