

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTIES OF POTTER
AND RANDALL
CITY OF AMARILLO

On the 29th day of January 2018, the Amarillo Hospital District Finance Committee met at 4:00 p.m. in regular session in Room 306, located on the third floor of City Hall at 509 S.E. 7th Avenue, Amarillo, Texas.

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. OF MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. OF MEETINGS ATTENDED SINCE APPOINTMENT
SMITH ELLIS	Yes	18	15
SAM LOVELADY	Yes	11	10
DEAN FRIGO	Yes	7	7

Also in attendance were the following:

- MICHELLE BONNER, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER, CITY OF AMARILLO
- FRANCES HIBBS, RECORDING SECRETARY, CITY OF AMARILLO
- BRYAN MCWILLIAMS, DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY, CITY OF AMARILLO
- MARCUS W. NORRIS, LEGAL COUNSEL, UNDERWOOD LAW FIRM, P.C.
- STAN TATUM, NORTHWEST TEXAS HOSPITAL
- LORENZO OLIVAREZ, BAPTIST ST. ANTHONY'S
- MATTHEW GILBERT

Mr. Ellis established a quorum, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., and the following items of business were conducted:

ITEM 1: Consider Minutes. Motion was made by Mr. Lovelady to approve the minutes for October 30, 2017, seconded by Mr. Ellis. Motion was passed by a 3:0 vote.

ITEM 2: Election of Officers. Motion was made by Mr. Frigo to appoint Mr. Lovelady as Finance Committee Chair, seconded by Mr. Frigo. Mr. Ellis introduced Dusty Clayton and stated Mr. Clayton would replace him effective tomorrow as the Amarillo Hospital District Finance Committee board member.


ITEM 3: Update and Discussion of the Local Provider Participation Fund (LPPF). Laura Storrs presented an update on the LPPF as of December 31, 2017. Ms. Bonner stated there could be another assessment this year (April) giving each hospital 90-days to comply. Mr. Ellis inquired what would happen if one hospital was in arrears. Mr. Norris replied there was a provision for penalty and interest. Mr. Ellis stated he hoped it did not occur. Mr. Norris stated he would have an answer tomorrow morning. Ms. Bonner that the District receives \$25,000 for administrative fees. Mr. Ellis asked if the administrative cost incurred was being recovered. Ms. Bonner further stated Mr. Norris was invoicing the hospital for his charges.

ITEM 4: Discussion of Request Received from Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital and Northwest Texas Healthcare System to Amend the Affiliation. Matthew Gilbert stated he represented the hospitals, BSA and NWTH. He stated he believed this was a great program for the hospitals and an opportunity to expand on this work by adding all of the Texas UHS hospitals to the agreement. He stated there was plenty of time to consider this affiliation but the deadline was July. Every dollar the hospitals receive would be financed by intergovernmental transfers. He further stated they would be collaborating with all hospitals across the state financed largely by five hospitals. He stated transferring outside of the jurisdiction has been around a long time. Mr. Lovelady inquired if Webb County had affiliations in Amarillo. Mr. Gilbert replied Northwest Texas Healthcare was a sister facility. He stated he believed it was a great opportunity for the LPPF to support local hospitals.

Mr. Norris stated the Amarillo Hospital District was created by the Texas Constitution and it narrowly defines scope and justification of money spent to provide indigent healthcare. He stated this concept has not gone before the Texas Legislation and he did not feel it enabled or that there was a constitutional provision to be used outside the district. He stated the fundamental difference was the powers of counties and hospital districts. Mr. Norris stated Senate Bill 2117 describes the Amarillo LPPF and does not mention a state-wide impact on other governments and was not recognized when established. He stated this needed to be studied and there was additional information needed. Mr. Ellis inquired as to the recommendation of Mr. Norris. Mr. Norris stated it needed to be studied further, he referred to his memorandum, and the need to review the foundation.

ITEM 5: Public Forum. There were no public comments.

There, being no further business, Mr. Ellis made a motion to adjourn the meeting and the meeting adjourned. This meeting was recorded and all comments are on file with the City Finance Department.

ATTEST: 

Sam Lovelady



Smith Ellis