

Mercy Hospital Aurora

**AURORA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
Carol Morris Conference Room**

April 14, 2022

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT **Shannon Walker**
 John Paul Lee
 Sara Brown
 Loralee Vaught

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT **Rick Boyer**
 Bob Journagan

MERCY HOSPITAL AURORA **Valerie Davis**
REPRESENTATIVES **John Banks**
 Sherry Clouse Day
 Marilyn Schellen
 Emily Jackson
 Anthony Arnold

CITY OF AURORA **Jon Holmes**
 Dawn Oplinger
 Carrie Howlett

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m. by John Paul Lee.

OPENING PRAYER: The opening prayer was given by Valerie Davis.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the January 13, 2022 quarterly meeting were presented for approval. Upon motion made by Shannon Walker and seconded by Loralee Vaught, the minutes were approved as presented.

FINANCIALS

Marilyn Schellen reviewed the Balance Sheet, Bank Account Balances, and Income Statement for the Aurora Community Hospital Board, month ending March 31, 2022. The Board currently has total assets of \$2,061,289. The bank account balances total \$2,011,264.02; broken down as follows:

First Independent Bank	\$ 629,735.53
Edward Jones	\$ 1,381,528.49

It was discussed to move some of the funds from First Independent Bank (because they are over the amount to be FDIC insured).

John Paul Lee and Shannon Walker will meet with the financial advisor at Edward Jones soon and look at the possibility of layering CD's for these extra funds. Once the meeting is held, John Paul will call a special meeting for the board to go over the findings.

PROJECT UPDATES

John Banks reported that several projects have been completed around the hospital:

- The asbestos in OB has been resolved and the equipment will be moved from that area soon.
- The boiler room project has been completed and the equipment has also been moved out. This will now be a storage room.
- The retaining wall (at the front entrance) has been repaired. The house across from the hospital also had the chimney fixed at the same time.
- Our maintenance team has started painting the front lobby. The patient rooms will also be freshened up with a coat of paint.

REPORT OF THE HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR

Valerie Davis reported that Dr. Hurt will not be delivering babies as of July 1, 2022. She will still see OB patients until week 36, then turn them over to either Dr. Garner or Dr. Anokwute for the delivery. We do have a new OB/FP physician coming next summer to the clinic.

Our staffing continues to look better. We are slowly reducing our number of agency staff that we use. Our nursing teams are working hard to recruit and on retention of our co-workers.

We continually work on co-worker morale and our community involvement. Covid really took a toll on our involvement within the community; but we are working on getting back out there.

We now have an Ortho and Pain Procedure outreach and we are always looking for opportunities to expand services.

REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT

John Paul Lee reported that we still need to replace Marcia Sadler's board position. According to the by-laws, we will need to re-elect board members that have expiring terms during the July meeting.

A meeting was held a few weeks ago with the Mercy Health Foundation regarding a grant that is to be used to renovate a conference/community room. If received, the board will need to determine what will be needed and how to utilize these funds. We could receive up to \$50,000.

REPORT OF THE CITY OF AURORA

Jon Holmes reported that work continues on the city codes. The hope is to have these completed by the July 14th board meeting.

The city will also resume taking over the duties of preparing the agendas and minutes of these board meetings.

A letter of intent was sent out for a Recreation Center. This is the first step to a wonderful addition to the community. The city hopes to partner with Mercy in the future on this project.

There have been seven applications turned in for the Fire Chief position. Jon will be reviewing these on Friday and will narrow down for a panel to make the final decision.

OTHER BUSINESS

None to report.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

John Paul Lee, President

Emily Jackson, recorder

