

**LAKE SHORE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Regular Meeting – July 8, 2024, 5:15 p.m.**

**This meeting was conducted as a public meeting and a virtual meeting.**

**Present:** Stephen Douglas, Chair  
Brandon Beil, Vice-Chair  
Don Kennedy, Trustee

Lory Chancy – Secretary/Treasurer

**Absent:** Jerry Bullard, Trustee

**Also**

**Present:** Dale Williams, Executive Director  
Todd Kennon, Attorney  
Noah Walker  
Morgan McMullen, LCR  
Bob Milner, Board Member Meridian  
Lauren Cohn, Meridian  
Don Savoie, Meridian  
Cindy Thomas  
Eileen Morilleau  
Sylvester Warren  
Jeff Feller, Chairman, Board Person, Meridian  
Stuart Wegener, Board Member Meridian  
Stephanie McClendon, Secretary Meridian

Sonja Markham, LSHA Staff  
Karl Plenge, NOC  
Barbara Lemley  
Gerald Butler, Police Chief  
Dee Johnson, City of Lake City  
Shawn Holmgren  
Debbie Griffin  
Anne Reifschneider  
Erica Mayo

11 participants participated in the LSHA Virtual Regular Board Meeting.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Douglas called the in person/virtual July 8, 2024, Regular Meeting to order at 5:20 P.M. Chairman Douglas called for additions/deletions to the agenda. There was one addition regarding an emergency elevator repair for the hospital building. **Motion** by Mr. Brandon Beil to approve the adoption of the agenda with the addition of the elevator repair. **Second** by Mrs. Lory Chancy. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

**INDIVIDUAL APPEARANCES**

Eileen Morilleau, Anne Reifschneider, Erica Mayo, requested to speak when Agenda items were discussed.

Public Comments by Shawn Holmgren and Sylvester Warren

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Douglas called for a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda. **Motion** by Mr. Brandon Beil to approve adoption of the Consent Agenda. **Second** by Mr. Don Kennedy. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Don Savoie, Meridian Behavioral Healthcare – the status of the agreement negotiations and their proposal

Public comments by Mr. Sylvester Warren, Ms. Ilene Morilleau, Ms. Anne Reifschneider, Ms. Debra Griffin (petition attached), Chief Gerald Butler, Ms. Susan Phillips, Ms. Barbara Lemley and Mr. Jamie Murkel.

Mr. Don Savoie restated Meridian's continued commitment to the project (utilizing Lake Shore Hospital as a Mental Health Hospital). He also addressed the public comments regarding Meridian Behavioral Healthcare. Mr. Bob Milner and Mr. Stuart Wegener spoke on behalf of Meridian Behavioral Healthcare. Discussion and questions by the Trustees regarding Meridian and the concerns of the public. The meeting was stopped at 6:35 pm to change the recording tape. Chairman Douglas brought the meeting back to order. Trustees continued to address the public's concerns regarding Meridian. Mr. Dale Williams referred to Mr. Todd Kennon regarding the status of agreement negotiations with Meridian. Mr. Todd Kennon reported the same draft agreement was ready to go, attorneys for Meridian and the LSHA should review the agreement to make sure it is still appropriate. Additional comments/questions addressed to Chief Butler by Mr. Don Kennedy. (information attached)

#### FY 2024-2025 Budget

- 1.) Establish Maximum Millage Rate
- 2.) Establish Public Hearing Dates (recommended, Final Budget Hearing subject to change due to other taxing authorities):  
September 9, 2024 (First Budget Hearing) and  
September 23, 2024 (Final Budget Hearing)

Mr. Dale Williams requested the Trustees to set the maximum millage rate for FY 2024-2025. Public comments/questions by Mr. Sylvester Warren. Mr. Brandon Beil responded to Mr. Warren's comments/questions. **Motion** by Mr. Brandon Beil to set the maximum millage rate at one ten thousandth of a mill (0.0001%). Comments by Ms. Susan Phillips and Ms. Barbara Lemley. **Second** by Mr. Don Kennedy. **Motion** restated by Mr. Brandon Beil. Board member comments. Roll call vote – Mrs. Chancy – no, Mr. Kennedy – yes, Mr. Beil – yes. Motion failed. **Motion** by Mrs. Chancy for reconsideration of the maximum millage vote. **Second** by Mr. Don Kennedy. Roll call vote to reconsider the **Motion** by Mr. Brandon Beil to set the maximum millage rate at one ten thousandth of a mill (0.0001%). Mrs. Chancy – yes, Mr. Kennedy – yes, Mr. Beil – yes. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

#### Establish Public Hearing Dates

Mr. Williams stated the first budget meeting would be September 9, 2024, (a regular meeting date) at 5:15 pm and recommended the final budget hearing be scheduled as a special meeting on September 23, 2024, at 5:15 pm. Discussion. **Motion** by Mr. Don Kennedy to establish the first Budget Hearing on September 9, 2024, at 5:15 pm and the final budget hearing on September 23,

2024, at 5:15 pm. **Second** by Mr. Brandon Beil. Roll call vote – Mrs. Chancy – yes, Mr. Kennedy – yes, Mr. Beil – yes. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

Discussion and Possible Action – Special called meeting with Columbia County Board of County Commissioners. Tentative Date July 15, 2024, at 5:30 pm, location will be Columbia County School Board Administrative Complex Auditorium. Subject – Proposed Referendum regarding the Lake Shore Hospital Authority

Public comments by Mr. Sylvester Warren, Ms. Barbara Lemley, and Dr. Erica Mayo.

Mr. Williams gave an update on the history and background of the request. Discussion by the Trustees. Mr. Todd Kennon informed the Trustees of the two (2) methods the LSHA can be dissolved. One (1), the governing body of an independent special district created and operated pursuant to a special act may, by a majority plus one vote, request voluntary dissolution of the special district by the Legislature. Two (2), the Legislature may dissolve an active independent special district by adopting a plan for dissolution that must be approved by a majority of the electors of the district. Discussion. Trustees agreed for Mr. Kennon to prepare a letter to Mr. Joel Foreman to decline the opportunity for a July 15<sup>th</sup> joint meeting with the Columbia County Board of Commissioners. Public comments by Ms. Barbara Lemley.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - Todd Kennon – LSHA Attorney

- 1.) Discussion of appraisals received for Block 111 and status of Authorized offer to Lake City Masonic Lodge for Block 111 reverter settlement
- 2.) Discussion and action – Additional authorizations, if any, to complete the settlement of the reverter provision in the 1955 Quit Claim Deed between the City of Lake City, Florida and the Lake Shore Hospital Corporation

Public comments Mr. Sylvester Warren and Ms. Barbara Lemley.

Mr. Kennon reminded the Trustees a letter was sent to the Masons on June 26<sup>th</sup> to tender the sum of \$120,000.00, and in exchange requested from the Masons a termination of the reverter clause on Block 111. The original appraisal amount from Chase Moses was \$88,000. The second appraisal was from Moody Appraisals out of Jacksonville, Fl., in the amount of \$120,000 (vacant fair market). A letter was received from the Masons attorney, Mr. Ralph Deas on June 28<sup>th</sup> advising that an amount of \$125,000.00 was approved by the Masonic Lodge; however, no termination of the reverter clause was included at this time. Recess to change tape out. Meeting reconvened. Mrs. Lory Chancy announced due to a personal conflict she could not vote. Due to the conflict, the Chair passed the gavel to Vice-Chair Brandon Beil. Trustee Beil declined and passed the gavel to Secretary Lory Chancy. Trustee Chancy accepted the gavel as acting Chairperson. Chairperson Lory Chancy called for a Motion to prepare a check in the amount of

\$125,000.00 subject to a release of the reverter clause on Block 111. **Motion** by Mr. Brandon Beil to offer a check to the Lake City Masonic Lodge in the amount of \$125,000.00, and for the release of any known or unknown reverter clauses. **Second** by Mr. Stephen Douglas. Roll call vote – Mr. Beil – yes, Mr. Douglas – yes, Mr. Kennedy – yes. All in favor. **Motion carried.** The gavel was turned back to Chairman Douglas. Continued discussion.

3.) Discussion and action – Lease with Columbia EMS Inc.

Public comments by Mr. Sylvester Warren and Dr. Erica Mayo. Discussion by the trustees.

Mr. Williams announced that Authority Attorney Todd Kennon declared a conflict regarding the preparation of a lease with Columbia EMS, Staff is requesting approval to use Mr. Marlin Feagle as conflict counsel. Mr. Feagle will be asked to review the lease prepared by staff for Columbia EMS, Inc. Mr. Williams answered the public's questions regarding Columbia EMS, Inc. Discussion. **Motion** by Mr. Brandon Beil to use conflict counsel, Mr. Marlin Feagle, to review the lease and send it to Columbia EMS after his review. **Second** by Mr. Don Kennedy. Roll call vote – Mrs. Lory Chancy – yes, Mr. Kennedy – yes, Mr. Brandon Beil - yes. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

Update and Discussion – Efforts to Provide Medical Services and/or utilize Buildings on the Lake Shore Hospital Campus

Mr. Williams provided an update regarding Statements of Interest received from FAMU and LifeTree Birthing Center. Mr. Kennedy requested Mr. Williams contact FAMU and LifeTree Birthing Center. Negotiations with Dr. Mayo continue. A simple lease, similar to that prepared for Columbia EMS, has been prepared for Dr. Mayo's review and use. Mr. Williams requested approval to send the lease to Mr. Marlin Feagle for his review, and a copy to Dr. Mayo for her review. As the lease does not contain any provision for payment of services by the Authority, it was suggested that the former DRAFT lease prepared for EMPALS be modified for possible payment language that could be utilized. Mr. Kennon will review the the EMPALS leases prepared in the past.

Public comments by Mr. Shawn Holmgren and Mr. Sylvester Warren. Mr. Brandon Beil comments.

Addition to Agenda – Elevator Repair Work Order

Mr. Williams requested approval for emergency repair of one elevator in the hospital building in the amount of \$23,240.88. **Motion** by Mrs. Lory Chancy to make the elevator repair. **Second** by Mr. Brandon Beil. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

**STAFF REPORT**

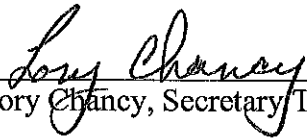
The staff report is in the Trustee packets.

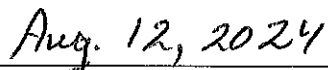
**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Comment by Mr. Kennedy regarding the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Lake City pertaining to vacant lot donations and a request to be placed on an upcoming Agenda. Mr. Todd Kennon is working on this matter.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Lory Chaney, Secretary/Treasurer

  
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Date of Approval

17:16:54 From Lake Shore Hospital Authority,  
Lake City, FL to Everyone:

Please be advised that all comments  
are part of the public record of the meeting.

17:20:56 From Joy Stevens to Lake Shore  
Hospital Authority, Lake City, FL(direct  
message):

is volume on

17:23:57 From Lake Shore Hospital Authority,  
Lake City, FL to Joy Stevens(direct message):

Should be now.

18:50:48 From Community to Lake Shore Hospital  
Authority, Lake City, FL(direct message):

What teen substance abuse services are  
there for teens which is greatly needed

18:51:38 From Lake Shore Hospital Authority,  
Lake City, FL to Joy Stevens(direct message):

If you wish to raise a question you  
would have to raise your hand and be  
recognized by the chair.

19:01:00 From Joy Stevens to Lake Shore  
Hospital Authority, Lake City, FL(direct  
message):

there is no button to raise your hand  
so a few people left. not really question but a  
response to the "security" but looks like it  
doesnt matter to the board

19:01:56 From Lake Shore Hospital Authority,  
Lake City, FL to Joy Stevens(direct message):  
Sometimes it is under the More button.

## Sonja Markham

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**From:** Debra Griffin <drdebragriffin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 8, 2024 11:03 AM  
**To:** Sonja Markham  
**Subject:** Submission for tonight's meeting  
**Attachments:** LSHA Petition Mental Health Facility July 8th.pdf

Hi Sonja,

Please see the attached information regarding the 239 signatures, so far, on the petition to prevent Meridian or any other mental health facility from moving into our Downtown area.

Also a new Florida law allowing ARNP's and PA's to treat and release patients from a facility such as is proposed.

I plan to come to the meeting tonight and would like to speak briefly regarding this matter. Do I need to just sign something at the meeting or do you need to put me down to speak?

Thanks a bunch,  
Debbie

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Debra K. Griffin  
Doctor of Audiology

Lake City, FL





Petition Strength

7 Good

Write a longer description

Add a personal story, as well as relevant facts and statistics.

[Edit description](#)

Start an image test

Upload a few images and we'll find the one driving the most signatures.

[Start Smart Image test](#)



# Prevent the Establishment of a Mental Health Facility in Downtown Lake City

Started  
Petition to

June 17, 2024  
Board of County Commission of Lake City and 2 others

239  
Signatures

500  
Next Goal

Support now

Share this petition

## Why this petition matters



Started by [Debra Griffin](#)

I am a resident of Lake City, FL, USA. From my home, I can see the site where a mental health facility, both inpatient and outpatient, is scheduled to be set up. Two blocks away, children play in a public park and families enjoy Lake DeSoto, a natural beauty that brightens our daily walks. These sites form part of our vibrant community, which includes businesses as well as multi-family and single-family homes. We fear this new facility could disrupt this harmony.

Mental health facilities play a vital role in supporting individuals with mental health conditions. However, given the real concerns about safety, increased traffic, and possible decrease in property values that often accompany such facilities, we believe it is crucial to consider alternative locations. Studies show that the location of these facilities can impact community wellbeing, particularly in residential areas (source: Journal of Community Psychology).

Let's ensure that our city remains a safe and pleasant environment for us all, where businesses can thrive, children can play, and families can enjoy natural beauty. Our community must have a say in changes that affect our lives. Thus, we urge the Lake Shore Hospital Authority and City Planning Committee of Lake City to reconsider the planned location of this facility. Sign this petition and stand with us to keep our homes, our parks, and our hometown free from possible negative impact.

Let your voice be known by coming to meetings.

Board of County Commission 1st and 3rd Thursday monthly.

Lake Shore Hospital Authority July 8th 5:15 [www.lakeshoreha.org](http://www.lakeshoreha.org)



Share this petition in person or use the QR code for your own material.

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### Decision Makers



**Board of County Commission of Lake City**

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**Lake Shore Hospital Authority**

[info@lakeshoreha.org](mailto:info@lakeshoreha.org)



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\$3

\$5

\$10

# 2024 BILLS

## IMPACTING HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONS

### **Mental Health and Substance Abuse**

*Effective Date: July 1, 2024*

HB 7021 (Bill Information)

#### **Summary:**

The bill amends Florida's mental health and substance abuse laws to enhance services, clarify definitions, and update procedures by revising standards for involuntary mental health treatment service, broadening the definition of licensed medical practitioners qualified to provide care, and refining the responsibilities of county courts.

The bill revises written notice requirements relating to filing petitions for involuntary services. The bill amends the requirements relating to voluntary admissions to a facility for examination and treatment, ordering person for involuntary services and treatment, petitions for involuntary service, appointment of counsel, and continuances of hearings. The bill revises actions that constitute unlawful activities relating to assessment and treatment and court actions relating to involuntary assessments.

The bill removes limitations on advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) and physician assistants (PAs) serving the physical health needs of individuals receiving psychiatric care and authorizes psychiatric nurses to release a patient from a receiving facility when certain criteria are met.

**Lake Shore Building in Close Proximity To:**

<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Distance (approx.)</u></b>
Rotary International Children's Playground (at Wilson Park)	.11 Miles
NE Leon St (Beginning of a Densely Populated Neighborhood)	< 300 Feet
Amphitheater at Wilson Park	500 ft
Darby Pavilion at Wilson Park	680 Ft
Splash Pad at Olustee Park	.31 Miles
Downtown Lake City of Lake City	.24 Miles
Annie Maddox Park	.36 Miles
Woods Adjacent to Lake Shore Building	0 Feet (adjacent)

**1.13 Mile Perimeter**

**LCPD Calls for Service at Meridian (439 SW Michigan ST)**

<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Calls</u></b>
2019	281
2020	333
2021	373
2022	342
2023	<u>413</u>
<b>5 year total</b>	<b>1,742 Calls for Service</b>
<b>2024 YTD (6/24/24)</b>	<b>227</b>

