

**LAKE SHORE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Regular Meeting – December 9, 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  
Jerry Bullard, Trustee

Don Kennedy, Secretary/Treasurer  
Lory Chancy – Trustee

**Absent:**

**Also**

**Present:** Dale Williams, Executive Director  
Todd Kennon, Attorney  
Marjorie Rigdon, FDOH – Columbia  
Tony Fern’s FDOH – Columbia  
Phillip Fowler  
Susan Phillips  
Cindy Thomas  
Richard Powell, Accountant

Sonja Markham, LSHA Staff  
Karl Plenge, NOC  
Tammy Ferris – FDOH – Columbia  
Anita Rembert, Palms Medical  
Stew Lilker, Columbia Cty Observer  
Debra Griffin  
Jamie Wachter, Reporter

5 participants participated in the LSHA Virtual Regular Board Meeting.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Douglas called the in person/virtual December 9, 2024, Regular Meeting to order at 5:15 P.M. Chairman Douglas called for additions/deletions to the agenda. There were none.

**Motion** by Mrs. Lory Chancy to approve adoption of the Agenda. **Second** by Mr. Jerry Bullard. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

**INDIVIDUAL APPEARANCES**

Public Comments by Mr. Stew Lilker.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Douglas called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. **Motion** by Mrs. Lory Chancy to approve adoption of the Consent Agenda. **Second** by Mr. Brandon Beil. All in favor.

**Motion carried.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Discussion and Possible Action – Response to (RFP) 2024-002 by Palms Medical Group – Proposal to operate a LSHA owned Primary Care Clinic**

Mr. Dale Williams reminded the Trustees Palms Medical Group was the only response received for RFP 2024-002. Mr. Powell gave an analysis of Palms Medical Group’s proposal to develop and operate a health center.

Public comments by Ms. Barbara Lemley (zoom) and Mr. Stew Lilker. Discussion. **Motion** by Mr. Don Kennedy to direct staff to move forward to prepare a contract with Palms Medical Group. **Second** by Mrs. Lory Chancy. Roll call vote Ms. Lory Chancy – yes, Mr. Don Kennedy – yes, Mr. Jerry Bullard – yes, Mr. Brandon Beil – yes. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

**Discussion and Possible Action – Current Status of Columbia County 2024 “Straw Ballot” Regarding Lake Shore Hospital Authority**

Mr. Dale Williams updated the Trustees on the status of the County Straw Ballot. The county has prepared a Special Bill relating to the dissolution of the Lake Shore Hospital Authority. This will be discussed at the Columbia County Board of County Commissioner meeting at 9:30 am on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Williams was asked to prepare a current Status Report of the Lake Shore Hospital Authority for the Columbia County Legislative Delegation. Mr. Williams asked the Trustees to let him know if they would like to add information to the report. There will be a Legislation hearing at Florida Gateway College on January 8, 2025, at 9:00 am. Mr. Williams encouraged the Trustees to attend this meeting if they can. Public comments by Ms. Susan Phillips and Mr. Stew Lilker. Discussion.

**Discussion and Possible Action – LSHA Meeting Rules and Procedures Policy Amendments to Provide for Completion of a Speaker Card for Zoom Meeting**

Mr. Dale Williams presented to the Trustees the amended language in the LSHA Meeting Rules and Procedures to require a speaker card for zoom participation. Public comments by Mr. Stew Liker, Ms. Susan Phillips and Ms. Barbara Lemley (zoom). Discussion.

Recess at 6:35 pm to change the recording tape. Chairman Douglas called the meeting back to order after changing the tape.

**Motion** by Mr. Don Kennedy to amend the Lake Shore Hospital Authority Meeting Rules and Procedures policy to provide for completion of speaker cards for the zoom participants. **Second** by Mr. Brandon Beil. All in favor. **Motion Carried.**

**Discussion and Possible Action – Approval of Proposal from Johnson Controls, Inc. to perform Lake Shore Hospital “Chiller Annuals” as Sole – Source Purchase**

Staff is requesting a sole source authorization through a company called Chiller Medic to provide maintenance on the chiller system at the hospital in the amount of \$11,032.75. Public comments by Ms. Susan Phillips. **Motion** by Mr. Don Kennedy to approve the sole source authorization by Chiller Medic in the amount of \$11032.75. **Second** by Mrs. Lory Chancy. All in favor.

**Motion Carried.**

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Unfinished Business – Todd Kennon – LSHA attorney

Discussion and possible action – Disposition of real property owned by the Lake Shore Hospital Authority to third parties, including but not limited to the Lake Shore Hospital Building pursuant to the “Agreement for the Purchase and Sale of Real Property” from the Lake Shore Hospital Authority to Meridian Behavioral Healthcare.

Mr. Todd Kennon reminded the Trustees Mr. Terrell Arline, was hired as special counsel to advise on the City of Lake City issue regarding the nonconforming status with the Lake Shore Hospital campus. After no response from the City of Lake City was received from Mr. Arline’s initial letter regarding the issue, Mr. Arline sent out a follow-up letter on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Kennon will coordinate with Mr. Arline and Mr. Williams regarding the City of Lake City and what the future steps will be. Discussion. Mr. Kennon will be in touch with Meridian’s counsel as well prior to the January 2025 meeting.

**STAFF REPORT**

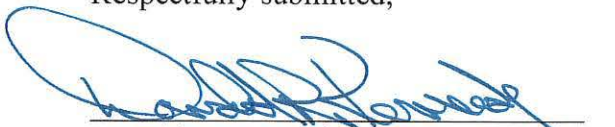
The staff report is in the Trustee packets.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Comments by Mr. Brandon Beil, Mr. Don Kennedy, and Mrs. Lory Chancy. Mr. Dale Williams reminded the Trustees of the letter received by Florida Gateway College regarding their interest in the campus and the letter is in their packets.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Donald R. Kennedy, Secretary/Treasurer

  
Date of Approval

17:15:05 From Lake Shore Hospital Authority,  
Lake City, FL to Everyone:

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

17:24:42 From joy to Lake Shore Hospital  
Authority, Lake City, FL(direct message):

sounds like meridian. but hey they are  
already affiliated with them. they sens their  
patients to meridian for mental health care

17:26:09 From joy to Lake Shore Hospital  
Authority, Lake City, FL(direct message):

hence the pure neglect i recieved. so  
dont forget to mention that.

17:52:34 From Lake Shore Hospital Authority,  
Lake City, FL to joy(direct message):

I am not able to put in comments for  
people, you would need to find where to raise  
your hand in Zoom and do that.

18:29:33 From joy to Lake Shore Hospital  
Authority, Lake City, FL(direct message):

no button

18:29:39 From joy to Lake Shore Hospital  
Authority, Lake City, FL(direct message):

shes right

18:30:14 From Lake Shore Hospital Authority,  
Lake City, FL to joy(direct message):

Try clicking the 3 dots on the bottom

row. It may be in there.

18:40:56 From Lake Shore Hospital Authority,  
Lake City, FL to Everyone:

I just looked up how to raise your hand. They do move this periodically, but at present you click on the heart at the bottom that says React. The raise hand button is in there.