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**LAKE SHORE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Regular Meeting – April 14, 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/ Secretary/Treasurer

Jerry Bullard, Trustee
Lory Chancy – Trustee

Also

Present: Dale Williams, Executive Director
Todd Kennon, Attorney
David Kraus, Columbia County Manager
Morgan McMullen, Lake City Reporter
Rocky Ford, Commissioner, Columbia County
Toby Witt, Columbia County EMS
George Thomas, Mayor, Fort White Mayor
Bill Koon, Council Member, Fort White
Lauren Cohn, Meridian Behavioral Healthcare
Ashley Brooks, Meridian Behavioral Healthcare

Sonja Markham, LSHA Staff
Karl Plenge, NOC
Barbara Lemley

Mr. Terrell Arline, Special Counsel, LSHA (zoom)

4 participants participated in the LSHA Virtual Regular Board Meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Douglas called the in person/virtual April 14, 2025, Regular Meeting to order at 5:15 P.M. Chairman Douglas called for additions/deletions to the agenda. Mr. Dale Williams requested one addition and one deletion. The addition is the General Liability Insurance renewal for both land and buildings. The deletion is Don Rosenthal, City Manager, Lake City will not be attending tonight's meeting. Mr. Rosenthal is waiting for a final resolution regarding the Chapter 164 issue between the City of Lake City and the LSHA before presenting a request on behalf of the City regarding land donation. **Motion** by Mr. Brandon Beil to approve the agenda as amended. **Second** by Mrs. Lory Chancy. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

INDIVIDUAL APPEARANCES

Public Comments by Mr. George Thomas and Ms. Barbara Lemley.

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. Don Kennedy. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Mr. Todd Kennon, LSHA Attorney
Discussion and Possible Action – City of Lake City Zoning Determination regarding Lake Shore Hospital including settlement and proposals from the March 12, 2025, Chapter 164 meeting between LSHA and City of Lake City representatives

Mr. Terrell Arline, Special Counsel to the Authority, is attending over zoom for this portion of the Authority meeting.

Mr. Todd Kennon informed the Trustees the City of Lake City passed Resolution 2025-058. The Resolution “authorizes” the Authority to transfer the former Lake Shore Hospital to Meridian Behavioral Healthcare subject to the Authority agreeing to specific conditions identified in Exhibit “B” of the Resolution. Mr. Todd Kennon explained Exhibit “B”. Ms. Lauren Cohn spoke on behalf of Meridian and informed the Trustees that Meridian had previously informed the City of Lake City that entering into an agreement with them would not be a solution for Meridian. The Meridian Board will not meet until April 28, 2025, to review and comment on the Resolution. **Motion** by Mrs. Lory Chancy to table further discussion until after Meridian meets on April 28th. Additional discussion by the Trustees. **Second** by Mr. Jerry Bullard. Additional discussion. **Amended Motion** by Mrs. Lory Chancy to table discussion until Meridian meets on April 28, 2025, and to authorize Mr. Arline to begin drafting the necessary legal complaint against the City of Lake City should the filing of a complaint become necessary. Mr. Jerry Bullard **seconded the Amended Motion**. Roll call vote – Mrs. Lory Chancy – yes, Mr. Don Kennedy – yes, Mr. Jerry Bullard – yes, Mr. Brandon Beil – yes. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Dale Williams, Executive Director - General Liability and Property Insurance Policy

Mr. Dale Williams informed the Trustees of conversations with FMIT regarding the renewal of the G/L policy. The concern is the assets of the Authority may be disposed of prior to the end of the policy year. FMIT advised the Authority would receive a refund of any unearned premium subject to 25%. The renewal premium will be \$24,703.00. Mr. Dale Williams requested approval to renew the G/L Policy. Discussion. **Motion** by Mr. Brandon Beil to renew the G/L insurance as described by Mr. Williams. **Second** by Mrs. Lory Chancy. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

Discussion and Possible Action – David Kraus, Columbia County Manager – Request permission from Lake Shore Hospital Authority to begin work on Vacant Lots to be donated to County

A request was made by Mr. David Kraus to begin work on the property LSHA proposed to transfer to the County. In addition, Mr. Kraus requested the three emergency response trailers and their contents located on the hospital campus. Discussion. **Motion** by Mrs. Lory Chancy to give the trailers and their contents to the county. **Second** by Mr. Brandon Beil. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

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Motion by Mr. Brandon Beil to authorize the county to begin work on the vacant lots already approved for donation pending survey and title work after attorneys work out the insurance details. Mr. Todd Kennon informed the Trustees he will contact Mr. Forman regarding the insurance. **Second** by Mr. Don Kennedy. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

Discussion – Rocky Ford, Columbia County Board of County Commissioners

Mr. Rocky Ford requested the LSHA to help fund primary care in Ft. White, and to help the county fund ambulance services for the indigent. Mr. Toby Witt, Columbia EMS gave additional information regarding the ambulance services for the indigent. Public comments by Ms. Barbara Lemley. Discussion. Mr. Brandon Beil requested for Mr. Williams to reach out to Palms to see if they would be open to sending a provider to Ft. White and the fees this would involve. Mr. Jerry Bullard would like to see through our budget process if we can consider funding ambulance services for indigent care. Mr. Don Kennedy is in agreement with subsidizing EMS.

Discussion and Approval – BA 2025-2 – quarterly amendment (Building Administration Fund April 2025 – June 2025)

Mr. Dale Williams requested \$130,000.00 to fund the building administration fund for the next quarter, April through June 2025. **Motion** by Mr. Jerry Bullard to approve BA 2025-2 quarterly amendment. **Second** by Mrs. Lory Chaney. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

Request for Approval – Renewal of U.S. Treasury Notes re: LSHA Surplus Funds Investment (final interest rate(s) TBD – February, May and July 2025)

Mr. Dale Williams explained the next maturity date would be in May, 2025. Mr. Williams requested approval from the Board to renew the expiring Notes. Discussion. Mr. Brandon Beil would like to know the amount of interest earned on treasury notes. **Motion** by Mr. Jerry Bullard to renew the expiring Treasury Notes. **Second** by Mr. Don Kennedy. All in favor. **Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Mr. Dale Williams

Discussion and Possible Action - Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) - Responses to the “Request for Proposals”

Mr. Dale Williams informed the Trustees at this time there is no interest from other counties in participating in the CHNA. At this time, no action will be taken on the CHNA. Public comments by Ms. Barbara Lemley.

STAFF REPORT

The staff report is in the Trustee packets.

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BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

There were none.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald R. Kennedy, Secretary/Treasurer

Date of Approval