

Jackson Parish Hospital
Governing Board Budget Public Hearing Minutes
September 25, 2024

The Governing Board of Directors of the Jackson Parish Hospital Service District No. 1 met on Wednesday, September 25, 2024, in the Jackson Parish Hospital Board Room, 165 Beech Springs Road, Jonesboro, Louisiana to conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the 2024 Operating Budget. Board Members present were: Chris Bowman, Shontae Mims and Dr. William Slusher. Hospital Staff present were: John Morgan, Dr. Jason Thomas, Bill Stansbury, Dr. Edward Mariano, Sunni Bougues, Jerry Allen, Shelley Malsam and Kelsey Arnold.

Bowman called the public hearing to order at 12:00 p.m.

Bowman called for public comments on the 2024 Operating Budget.

There were no members of the public present; therefore, there were no public comments.

Upon a motion by Mims and second by Slusher, the public hearing was closed at 12:01 p.m.

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The Governing Board of Directors of the Jackson Parish Hospital Service District No. 1 met on Wednesday, September 25, 2024, following the Noon budget public hearing, in the Jackson Parish Hospital Board Room, 165 Beech Springs Road, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Board members present were: Chris Bowman, Shontae Mims, and Dr. William Slusher. Hospital Staff present were: John Morgan, Dr. Jason Thomas, Bill Stansbury, Dr. Edward Mariano, Sunni Bougues, Jerry Allen, Shelley Malsam and Kelsey Arnold.

Bowman called the meeting to order at 12:13 pm., and Morgan gave the invocation. There were 3 of the 5 members by Act 321 present; therefore, there was a quorum present.

Following a motion by Mims and second by Slusher, the September 25, 2024 agenda was unanimously approved. All members present were in favor and the motion carried.

Following a motion by Slusher and second by Mims, the July 31, 2024, Regular Business Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved. All members present were in favor and the motion carried.

There were no members of the public present; therefore, there were no public comments.

Dr. Edward Mariano, Chief of Staff, presented the appointment, reappointment and resignation/termination recommendations. There was a motion by Mims and second by Slusher to approve the Chief of Staff Report as presented. All members present were in favor and the motion carried.

During the Chief Executive Officer's Report, Morgan began by presenting the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for FYE September 30, 2024, noting that the questionnaire is a required part of a financial audit of Louisiana state and local government and public agencies and that upon completion, the questionnaire must be presented to and adopted by the Governing Body through formal resolution in an open meeting. There was a motion by Slusher and second by Mims to adopt the Audit Compliance Questionnaire FYE September 30, 2024. All members present were in favor and the motion carried. The foregoing resolution 2024-4 was read aloud in full by Bowman; the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

Slusher-AYE
Mims-AYE
Bowman-AYE

There were 3-AYES, 0-NAYS, 0-Abstained, and 1-Absentee Member

Morgan then presented the resolution to the Board to adopt the millage rates for the tax year 2024. Morgan noted that the millage rate was already approved a few months ago at 11.56 mills, but that they had to increase the millage rate. Bowman then read aloud the millage resolution levying the 2024 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by Jackson Hospital Service District No.1 for maintenance and operations of 12.38 mills. The foregoing resolution 2024-5 was read in full; there was a motion by Slusher and second by Mims to approve the resolution to adopt the millage rates for the tax year 2024. All members present were in favor and the motion carried. The roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

Slusher-AYE
Mims-AYE
Bowman-AYE

There were 3-AYES, 0-NAYS, 0-Abstained, and 1-Absentee Member

Morgan then presented the JPH Paid Holiday Schedule noting it is the same as last year. There was a motion by Mims and second by Slusher to approve the JPH Paid Holiday Schedule. All members present were in favor and the motion carried. Morgan then gave a construction update noting that the roof is off the elevator and should be finished at the end of October, the endoscopy suite should be able to move into sometime in March, and the back parking lot is being used now. Morgan gave a friendly reminder to complete the annual Ethics training.

During the COO/CIO Report, Thomas presented the Nutanix system quote. Thomas explained that in 2017, the hospital signed a deal that cost \$136k to buy a server infrastructure to run

everything in the hospital. Thomas noted that the servers are now out of date, the storage will go out of date next month. Thomas asked the board for approval to purchase the replacement system at \$96,480.57. Bowman asked if this is from the same company we bought the previous system from and Thomas explained that no, it is not the same company. There was a motion by Slusher and second by Mims to approve the purchase of the Nutanix system. All members present were in favor and the motion carried. Thomas next presented the CT and MRI Modality Lease noting that is up for renewal in December 2024. Thomas noted that Paige has worked it out that when we replace this CT, they will bring a mobile CT onsite at no charge so there will not be any down time. Thomas explained that it will be about a \$4k a month increase above what we currently have but it gives us a new CT machine. Bowman asked how much we currently pay on our current CT, and Thomas noted that we are paying \$14,430 a month and we will be shifting up to \$18k. Bowman asked what the current rate on the MRI machine is, Thomas noted that we are paying about \$16k a month. They will not start billing us until they install it. Dr. Ed asked about the weight capacity and Thomas noted that it is a 600lb limit on the table for CT. There was a motion by Slusher and second by Mims to approve the CT and MRI Modality lease. All members present were in favor and the motion carried. Thomas then presented the revised Disciplinary Action policy noting that changes are highlighted in yellow. There was a motion by Slusher and second by Mims to approve the revised Disciplinary Action policy. All members present were in favor and the motion carried. Thomas then presented the revised Criminal Background Screening policy for approval. There was a motion by Slusher and second by Mims to approve the revised Criminal Background Screening policy. All members present were in favor and the motion carried. Thomas presented the revised Chest Pain Protocol for approval noting that it has been approved through Med Staff. There was a motion by Mims and second by Slusher to approve the revised Chest Pain Protocol. All members present were in favor and the motion carried. Thomas then presented the revised policy for Dyspnea Protocol. There was a motion by Mims and second by Slusher to approve the Dyspnea Protocol. All members present were in favor and the motion carried. Thomas presented the revised Syncope Protocol for approval. There was a motion by Mims and second by Slusher to approve the revised Syncope Protocol. All members present were in favor and the motion passed.

Stansbury presented the JPH FY25 Operating Budget. The foregoing resolution 2024-6 was read aloud in full; there was a motion by Slusher and second by Mims to adopt Resolution # 2024-6 as presented, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes with an amendment to the resolution with the changes of official journal to Winn Parish Enterprise and change fiscal year to 2025.

Slusher-AYE
Mims-AYE
Bowman-AYE

There were 3-AYES, 0-NAYS, 0-Abstained, and 1-Absentee Members.

During the CFO Report, Stansbury requested a ratification of Special Checks, ACH Debits for the months of July, August, and September 2024 as well as payables for August 7, 2024, August

21, 2024, and September 5, 2024. There was a motion by Mims and second by Slusher to ratify the payables for August 7, 2024, August 21, 2024, and September 5, 2024, and Special Checks and ACH Debits for the months of July, August, and September 2024. All members present were in favor and the motion carried. Stansbury continued to present financial report. Stansbury presented the Board with a packet of Financials, while also presenting a budget to actual comparison of the Statement of Net Position with the Assets and Liabilities.

Allen reviewed the Rural Health Clinic stats with the Board. Allen presented the ED Patient Arrival to First Documentation to Physician report. Noting that the average is 25.00 minutes.

Malsam then presented the Board with the Hospital Statistics for the month of August.

Bowman opened the floor for the 2024-25 Election of Officers. Slusher nominated Chris Bowman for the 2024-25 Governing Board Chairman, there was a motion by Mims to close the nominations. With no other nominations, Chris Bowman was elected Chairman of the Governing Board for 2024-25. Mims then nominated Dr. William Slusher for Vice Chairman, there was a motion by Mims to close the nominations. With no other nominations, Dr. William Slusher was elected Vice Chairman of the Governing Board for 2024-25.

The next regular business meeting will be held Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at noon in the hospital board room.

Upon motion by Mims and second by Slusher, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

Chris Bowman, Esq.
Governing Board Chairman
Jackson Parish Hospital

John L. Morgan, MBA, RN
Chief Executive Officer
Jackson Parish Hospital