

1 MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF NORTH LAKE COUNTY
2 HOSPITAL DISTRICT OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2014
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4 A regular meeting of the North Lake County Hospital District (the "District") was held
5 on September 18, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in Lake County Commission Chambers,
6 Administration Building, 315 W. Main Street, Tavares, Florida.
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8 Ms. Catherine C. Hanson, Chairman, called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of
9 Allegiance. M. Meredith Kirste, attorney for the North Lake County Hospital District,
10 called the roll to ascertain the trustees present for the meeting, with the following
11 members in attendance: Catherine C. Hanson, Chairman; Robert Bone; Jerry Brown;
12 Frances Grossi, Vice Chairman; Elizabeth Robuck, Davis Talmadge, and Pat Sykes-
13 Amos.
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15 Ms. Catherine C. Hanson welcomed Duane Boothe, Vic Donahey and Joyce Richey
16 Huey, the three newly elected Board members for attending the meeting.
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18 APPROVAL OF MINUTES
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20 On a motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Bone and carried unanimously, the
21 NLCHD Board approved the Minutes of August 21, 2014, with the amendment to change
22 Ms. Elizabeth Kallup's last name to her married name.
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24 REQUEST FOR FUNDING FROM THE HOSPITALS
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26 The Chairman inquired if there were any additional funding requests, but none were
27 submitted.
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29 Ms. Hanson performed recitation of the name of the taxing authority, the rolled-back rate,
30 the percentage of decrease over the rolled-back rate and the millage rate to be levied.
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32 PUBLIC HEARINGS - RESOLUTION 2014-01
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34 On a motion by Mr. Bone, seconded by Mr. Brown, and carried unanimously, the Board
35 waived the reading of the entire resolution.
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37 Ms. Kirste recited the title of Resolution 2014-01 as Resolution of the North Lake County
38 Hospital District Providing For The Adoption Of The Millage Rate For The 2014-2015
39 Fiscal Year.
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41 Ms. Sykes-Amos reported that a rate of 1 mill was proposed and advertised through the
42 property appraiser. She explained that the Board needed to pass the millage rate, and
43 then a discussion regarding budget would follow.
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45 Ms. Hanson announced the 1 mill was advertised, and the roll-back rate is 0.9841, which
46 would be a reduction. With no discussion from the Board, she opened this to public
47 comment.

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2 Mr. Vance Jochim, writer of a blog regarding local fiscal issues, commented that South
3 Lake County Hospital District posted their ad stating that they are rolling back their
4 millage rate to 0.7633, suggesting the Board keep that in mind when making their
5 decision.

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7 Mr. Phil Braun with Central Florida Health Alliance commented that he would not
8 comment as to whether or not to roll back the millage rate, but that this tax is important
9 for the community, hospitals and clinics. He noted that South Lake has the flexibility to
10 roll back because it is a one-hospital tax district with no clinics and no requirement to bill
11 a certain amount of care to receive the money. He encouraged the Board to do what they
12 feel is right, and he pointed out that the needs that have been presented show that it would
13 take a much higher millage rate than 1 mil to cover all the needs.

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15 There being no one else who wished to address the board, the Chairman closed the public
16 hearing.

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18 Mr. Bone commented that the hospitals and clinics all spoke at the last meeting as to an
19 increased need to provide charity care and indigent care. He related that LRMC indicated
20 they had seen an increase in charity care of 92 percent from 2009 to 2014 and that they
21 were \$337,000 over budget on their indigent care numbers. He stated Waterman had
22 indicated that they had Medicaid and uninsured increases in 2013 and 2014 and
23 anticipated those to continue to increase as well as LifeStream indicating they were
24 "drowning" with an increase in need for children's beds at their facility. He remarked
25 that the Community Medical Center stated that 10 percent of the people had no medical
26 assistance at all. He noted that the Florida Hospital Waterman Community Clinic had
27 anticipated a 10 percent increase in growth. He stated discussion was held regarding
28 Florida not electing to accept the additional funds involved with ObamaCare potentially
29 causing further need for medical assistance. He also noted that they could lose the LIP
30 funds as well. He remarked that based on the presentations made by everyone at the last
31 meeting, he believes there is a demonstration of continued need for the hospitals and
32 clinics to have assistance.

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34 On a motion by Mr. Bone, seconded by Mr. Brown and carried by a vote of 5-1 with Mrs.
35 Grossi voting "no," the Board approved the Resolution of the North Lake County
36 Hospital District Providing For The Adoption Of The Millage Rate For The 2014-2015
37 Fiscal Year of 1 mill.

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39 RESOLUTION 2014-2

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41 On a motion by Mr. Bone, seconded by Mr. Talmadge and carried unanimously, the
42 Board waived the reading of the entire resolution.

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44 Ms. Kirste recited the title of Resolution 2014-02 as Resolution Of The North Lake
45 County Hospital District Providing For The Adoption Of The Proposed Budget For The
46 2014-2015 Fiscal Year.

1 Ms. Hanson opened this for public comment and closed it with no comment being made.

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3 Ms. Sykes-Amos presented a budget worksheet to the Board members with explanation
4 of its content. She explained that the ad-valorem is 95 percent of the taxable value times
5 1 mill. She noted that interest has dramatically decreased from the prior year. She
6 explained that the accounting and auditing number includes five quarters of compliance
7 this year because of the late start, adding that next year there will only be four. She
8 commented that the property appraiser fees are calculated by a letter sent from their
9 office with the fee amount. She noted that the tax collector receives 2 percent of
10 collections and that the medical care is based on the funding worksheet. She explained
11 that the credits listed for Florida Hospital Waterman and Leesburg Regional Medical
12 Center were part of this year's budget and Letters of Agreement, noting the State has
13 postponed sending the letters and there will be separate LIP (low income pool)
14 agreements for those two amounts as done in previous years.

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16 Ms. Hanson opened the floor for public comment, and since there was none, she closed
17 the public hearing.

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19 Mr. Bone remarked that there was conversation at the last meeting regarding LIP (low
20 income pool) funding and there being minimum amounts required in order for Waterman
21 Hospital and Leesburg Regional Medical Center to qualify, adding that the amounts were
22 less than what was being requested, but it was represented that those were minimum
23 amounts that were going to be required.

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25 Phil Braun stated that this was referring to the calculations for the LIP-6, which the State
26 came up with, noting that in previous years it was in some ways a remittance payment but
27 now is a quarterly payment. He commented that the spreadsheet attached to the LIP-6
28 agreement is done by the State.

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30 On a motion by Mr. Bone, seconded by Mr. Talmadge and carried unanimously, the
31 Board approved Resolution 2014-02, the Adoption Of The North Lake County Hospital
32 District Providing For The Adoption Of The Proposed Budget For The 2014-2015 Fiscal
33 Year at the fund level.

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35 Ms. Hanson closed the public hearings on these resolutions.

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37 BOARD ACTION

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39 Ms. Hanson noted that they have Letters of Agreement with the State of Florida through
40 the Agency for Health Care Administration for Leesburg Regional and Florida Hospital
41 Waterman for participation in the Low Income Pool 6 and Low Income
42 Pool/Disproportionate Share, Hospital/State Wide programs in the amounts of \$405,799
43 and \$224,567 respectively.

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45 Ms. Sykes-Amos explained that the first two letters of agreement are the LIP letters that
46 were discussed before, and the other two are the amounts that were not sent this year,
47 noting it is easier to track separate Letters of Agreement.

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2 Mr. Brown inquired whether there were any significant differences between the letters of
3 agreement in comparison to prior years.

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5 Ms. Kirste explained that the dollar amounts were the only difference and also
6 commented that both of the LIP-6 Letters of Agreement state that the District will remit
7 to the State an amount not to exceed a specific amount.

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9 On a motion by Mr. Talmadge, seconded by Mr. Brown and carried unanimously by a
10 vote of 6-0, the Board approved the four Letters of Agreement previously-described.

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12 OTHER BUSINESS

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14 Ms. Sykes-Amos stated that with the suggested funding shown on the worksheet, there
15 will be an additional \$104,000 that can be allocated to Florida Waterman Hospital and
16 \$82,000 to Leesburg Regional Medical Center. She stated that the hospitals need to
17 decide if they want to arrange for another LIP for those funds with the state or if they
18 want them to be paid as the money becomes available. She suggested that the Board give
19 the Chairman the authority to sign a LIP agreement up to those amounts if the hospitals
20 deem it to be in their best interest.

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22 On a motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Bone and carried by a unanimous vote, the
23 Board approved giving the Chairman the authority to sign LIP agreements for Florida
24 Hospital Waterman and Leesburg Regional Medical Center.

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26 Ms. Sykes-Amos related that there is a possibility of having between \$350,000 and
27 \$370,000 of additional funds to disperse, adding there will be a budget amendment next
28 week. She requested some guidance from the Board as to where and how to allocate
29 those funds.

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31 Ms. Robuck wanted clarification regarding where the extra funds originated.

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33 Ms. Sykes-Amos explained that only 95 percent of the ad-valorem is budgeted and that
34 additional money came in along with a prior year delinquent tax collection increase. She
35 noted that the Tax Collector will send a check back at the end of the year after he figures
36 his cost, which were additional funds received last year. She explained that the
37 \$680,366.00 that is carried forward is the two credits plus \$50,000.00 that they always try
38 to carry forward. She stated that she will have a more accurate amount for the budget
39 amendment next week.

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41 Ms. Fran Crunk from Florida Hospital Waterman suggested that the Board look at claims
42 submitted by each facility to determine if they exceeded the funding allocated to them,
43 stating in some cases there would not have been claims to receive the additional
44 distribution.

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46 Ms. Hanson suggested that each Board member contact Ms. Sykes-Amos with any
47 recommendations on how to allocate the additional funds.

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2 Mr. Bone commented that the hospitals did not receive enough funds to cover the
3 indigent care, and the clinics were under-funded about \$230,000. He remarked that he
4 might be inclined to first fund the clinics and split the remaining funds between the
5 hospitals.

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7 Ms. Sykes-Amos noted that the budget ads will run in the Lake Sentinel on Monday. She
8 stated she had given each member a printout of tentative meeting dates to be discussed
9 next week.

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11 Mr. Brown noted that next week would be the last meeting for a significant portion of the
12 Board. He commented he was curious to know what the hospitals and clinics think will
13 happen if the lifespan of the Board is terminated in a couple of years and would like a
14 presentation by the hospitals and clinics at the next meeting regarding that issue.

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16 PUBLIC INPUT

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18 Mr. Vance Jochim, who previously addressed the board, commented that the Board's
19 website needs maintenance, relating that he had various issues downloading documents
20 and navigating the website. He also commented on the format for ads, noting there is no
21 contact information on them. He shared his view on amendment 1 that is coming up for a
22 vote and how he believes it relates to the healthcare industry.

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24 Ms. Hanson related that the issues with the website will be put on the agenda for next
25 week's meeting.

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27 Ms. Kirste explained that the reason for multiple advertisements for the meeting is
28 compliance with both the law that affects the Board and the TRIM compliance law.

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30 ADJOURNMENT

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32 Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

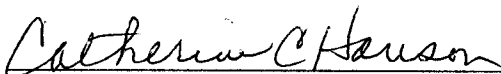
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Catherine C. Hanson, Chairman