

Aurora Community Hospital Board Minutes

Mercy Hospital Aurora

Carol Morris Conference Room

500 Porter Ave. Aurora, Mo 65605

Thursday, January 12, 2023

1/12/2023 - Minutes

1. Call To Order And Roll Call

Board President Lee called the meeting to order, time noted 4:30 p.m.

Board members present: Shannon Walker, Lorelee Vaught, John Paul Lee, Scott Spooner

Board members absent: Rick Boyer, Bob Journagan, Sara Brown

Quorum satisfied.

Mercy Hospital representatives present: Hospital Administrator Valerie Davis, Marilyn Schellen, John Banks

City of Aurora representatives present: City Council Liaison Dawn Oplinger, City Manager Jon Holmes, Assistant City Manager Carrie Howlett

2. Prayer

Valerie Davis led the group in prayer.

3. Old Business

Marilyn Schellen presented financials including income and expense statements and bank account balances. Ms Schellen also presented a reconciliation report of the Capital Fund which reflects a balance of \$1,969,492.58.

Board President Lee advised that he contacted Scott Young with Edward Jones Investments. As CD's come due they're going into Money Market accounts so that the money remains transferrable. This is in preparation for the City's moving of finances to their MoSIP account.

City Manager Holmes advised that the MoSIP accounts are setup and City staff is working on transferring the funds. In the future the financial reports will come from the City Treasurer.

3.I. Presentation And Approval Of Minutes - Aurora Community Hospital Board Minutes 10/13/2022 - John Paul Lee

Board member Walker made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held October 13, 2022 as presented. Board member Vaught seconded the motion. Motion passed with all members voting aye.

4. New Business

4.I. Discussion - Capital Projects - Valerie Davis

Hospital Administrator Valerie Davis addressed the board advising of the investments by Mercy in relation to Capital acquisitions. A report was provided to the board reflecting those expenditures from July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022. This report reflects expenditures in the amount of \$1,427,278.

City Manager Holmes requested that Administrator Davis present this information to the City Council at a future City Council meeting, possibly in unison with the board's annual report to City Council.

Administrator Davis further advised of upcoming investments by Mercy. These include a new CT scanner which will include lung cancer screening capabilities and will cost approximately \$600,000. A remodel of the front desk area has begun. This remodel will move the registration offices to the front entrance area. Additionally, Mercy maintenance staff led by John Banks have been working through evaluations of the roof resulting in recommendations of minor repairs versus total roof replacement. Mr. Banks is currently working with contractors to secure bids and will bring those bids back to the board for consideration.

Administrator Davis advised that a remodel of the Emergency Department and the Obstetrics Department are needed. The Planning, Design and Construction entity within Mercy can develop a master plan for the facility and such upgrades. The plan would cost \$50,000 and that investment later becomes a credit to the project(s).

Board President Lee requested that a special meeting be scheduled in order for board members to tour the areas of the hospital that are of topic for such a remodel. This would allow board members to familiarize themselves with the areas and the need prior to consideration of a vote to fund the cost of the Master Plan.

City Manager Holmes advised that due to the critical nature of said remodels, the City could consider taking on financing to support a larger remodel. Board President Lee advised he will send out options for dates for a special meeting, with an invitation to City Council, and work toward scheduling.

5. Organizational Reports

1. Hospital Administrator Report: Administrator Valerie Davis addressed the board advising that two new doctors will be joining the Aurora facility in coming months. Mercy Aurora is partnering with an outside company to provide extensive wound care.

A grant application for upgrading audio visual equipment within the Carol Morris Room has been submitted. The grant would be near \$50,000 and selection will be known by April.

They have seen an increase in Med Surge patients from around 4-6 daily to near 10 daily. With current staffing, the hospital cannot take more than 12 patients at a time. In the event that those numbers are met or exceeded, the hospital goes on divert and sends patients to other facilities. More patients are being seen who reside in outlying communities.

2. Board Chairman Report: Board President John Paul Lee advised the board that the new City Code requires the Hospital Board to present an annual report to City Council at the 2nd meeting in January each year. City Manager Holmes advised that the annual report could be presented in March in conjunction with the Capital expenditures presentation from Administrator Davis. This report and presentation will be placed on the March 28, 2023 City Council Agenda.

3. City Report: City Manager Holmes handed out Missouri Sunshine Law booklets to each member of the board while advising that any meeting of the board is governed by Missouri Sunshine Law. If Missouri Sunshine Law is violated in any way during a meeting, any decisions made at that meeting become invalid. City Manager Holmes further stated that he would like to cover basics of Missouri Sunshine Law at a future meeting.

City Manager Holmes advised that SAP Designs, architecture firm for the design of the Recreation Center, will be giving a presentation to City Council on January 24, 2023. The City is still open to partnerships with Mercy for that facility.

6. Adjournment

Board member Walker made a motion to adjourn. Board member Spooner seconded the motion. Motion passed with all members voting aye. Time noted 5:44 p.m.

APPROVED

John Paul Lee, President

ATTEST:

Carrie Howlett, Assistant City Manager