

CHAVES COUNTY INDIGENT

Hospital/Healthcare Board Meeting

September 21, 2023 Minutes

Members:

Mr. Jeff Bilberry, Chairman
Mr. T. Calder Ezzell Jr. Vice-Chairman
Mrs. Dara Dana, Member
Mr. Richard C. Taylor, Member
Mr. Michael Perry, Member

Staff:

Mr. Bill Williams
Ms. Anabel Barraza
Mr. Jeff Ortega
Mrs. Maria Kautz

Vice-Chairman T. Calder Ezzell Jr. called the Indigent Hospital/Health Care Board meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

There were 4 commissioners present. Chairman Jeff Bilberry was absent.

Commissioner T. Calder Ezzell Jr. opened with ***Section I: Approval of minutes.***

Commissioner Dara Dana made the motion to approve June 22, 2023, minutes.
Commissioner Richard Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Section II: Presentation of Claims "A" Non-Sole Providers (approval for payment), Exhibits A, B, C and D for a total of \$29,681.41 (107 claims).

Commissioner Dara Dana made the motion to approve Exhibits A, B, C and D for a total of \$29,681.41 (107 claims). Commissioner Richard C. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Section III: Presentation of Claims "A" Non-Sole Providers (approval for payment), Exhibit B for claims received after 90 days for \$5,273.45 (28 claims). The grand total of all claims is \$34,954.86 (135 claims).

Commissioner Dara Dana. made the motion to approve Exhibit B for approval of claims after 90 days for \$5,273.45 (28 claims) and a grand total of \$34,954.86 (135 claims). Commissioner Michael Perry seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Section IV: Financial Reports

Total IHC Gross Receipts for August: \$575,000.88
Total revenues for August: \$672,777.24
Total expenditures for August: \$304,605.55
Total cash balance: \$3,989,260.93
Fund is in balance.

Commission Communication:

Commissioner Ezzel inquired about the claims over 90 days. Mr. Ortega stated that La Casa de Buena Salud discovered through a recent audit the claims were being sent to the patients instead of us. Commissioner Dana requested that Mr. Ortega please stress the importance of billing to get the issues resolved.

Commissioner Dana asked Mr. Ortega if we do Indigent Burials. Mr. Ortega replied that we do not, but we do pay for indigent cremation. Commissioner Perry asked about how long it takes. Mr. Ortega explained the procedure to the commissioners regarding the application process, investigation, time frame, difference between unclaimed and claimed decedents stating each case varies. Mr. Ortega also stated that the funeral homes are paid directly and do not need commission approval since indigent cremation is not part of the Indigent Health Care Ordinance. Indigent cremation is mandated per State Statute.

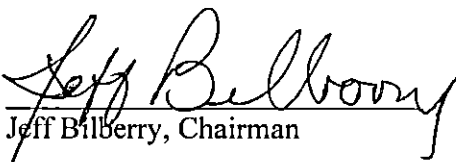
Ms. Anabel Barraza mentioned that currently we do have GRT for August. Ms. Barraza explained the report that was provided to the Commissioners. For September it's from activity in July, which was \$1,488,024.88 compared to \$1,355,324.87 last fiscal year which was an increase of 9.79%. What contributed to this increase was more construction projects in July.

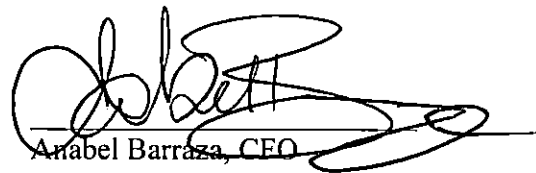
Ms. Anabel Barraza went over our County Equalization tax for FY 2023 that was also received this week in the amount of \$1,725,633.79. The amount received was a 51% increase compared to last year.

Commissioner Dana inquired about the Cannabis tax. Ms. Barraza stated that the county hasn't received anything yet.

Vice Chairman T. Calder Ezzell Jr. adjourned the meeting at 8:46 a.m.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ACCEPTED this December 21, 2023


Jeff Bilberry, Chairman


Anabel Barraza, CEO

(Note: The official minutes of this meeting are kept on file in the Chaves County IHC Administration office for review.)

Presentation of Claims

Following is a record of approval for payment of all contract providers as recommended by the IHC Board:

Non-Sole Providers

Provider: American Medical Response \$1,473.24 (4) Claims
Ambulance

Commissioner Ezzell made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Dana. Motion carried 4-0

Provider: La Casa De Buena Salud \$18,011.40 (99) Claims

Commissioner Ezzell made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Dana. Motion carried 4-0.

La Casa De Buena Salud (over 90 days) \$5,273.45 (28) Claims

Commissioner Ezzell made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Dana. Motion carried 4-0.

Provider: TRANS AERO LIMITED \$5,000.00 (1) Claims
(TRANS AERO MEDEVAC)

Commissioner Ezzell made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Dana. Motion carried 4-0

Provider: UMC (LUBBOCK COUNTY HOSPITAL) \$5,196.77 (3) Claims

Commissioner Ezzell made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Dana. Motion carried 4-0

Non-Sole Provider Total \$34,954.86 (135) Claims