

SPECIAL MEETING: **Board of Trustees**
 DATE: **June 28, 2021**
 TIME: **6:00 p.m.**
 LOCATION: **Hybrid: In-person with Zoom option Room A**

Board Members:
 Richard Benson, Chair
 Earl Desmond, Vice Chair
 Brenda Harden, Secretary
 Carolyn Beal
 Joe Dreyer
 Jon Mason – joined at 6:45 pm
 Ron Ragor
 Dan Rogers
 Vince Trago, Physician Healthcare Advisor

Other Attendees
 Nanci Barry, Guest
 Jamie Brucker, Guest
 Maria Castricone, Guest
 Donna Carver, Guest
 Jon Christensen, Attorney
 Leslie Dye, Guest
 Heather Eurez, Guest
 Jill Fazekas, Guest
 Frank Hickman, Guest
 Leanne Gompf, Guest
 Bill Griffith, Guest
 Kathy Hart, Guest
 Cheryl Herbert, Sr. VP Regional Operations, OhioHealth
 Frank Hickman, Guest
 Angela Keenan, Guest
 Julie Leonhard, Guest
 Conni McChesney, Controller
 Eddie Lou Meimer, Guest
 Michael Patterson, Director of Operations
 Tiffany Sayre, Guest
 Connie Sharrock, Guest
 Tim Siegfried, Guest
 Alberta Stojkovic, Guest
 Holly Trainer, Guest
 Jennifer Voltz, Executive Assistant
 Andy Ware, Guest
 Tom Whiston, Guest
 Jennifer Williams, Guest

*additional unidentified callers



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6:06 p.m.	Call to Order	Mr. Benson	Mr. Benson called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.	
	Introduction & Welcome	Mr. Benson	Mr. Benson welcomed everyone and introduced Ms. Williams and Ms. Stauffer.	

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	<p>Opening Remarks</p>	<p>Ms. Williams</p> <p>Ms. Stauffer</p>	<p>Ms. Williams reviewed the recommendation made by the Morrow County Healthcare Advisory Committee, summarizing the health care challenges within the county. Ms. Williams emphasized that the committee as a whole feels strongly about the importance of all parties working together cooperatively to find the best health care solutions.</p> <p>Ms. Williams explained that the committee members were split 4 to 3 over whether to complete an RFP. She stated that the committee agrees that the hospital cannot survive without making changes. Speaking for the majority, Ms. Williams stated that the previous RFP may not reflect current conditions and that it would be beneficial to gauge the environment to provide up-to-date information. She stated that she does not feel that money spent to conduct the previous RFP should preclude spending additional money for a new request.</p> <p>Ms. Stauffer stated that, due to the uncertainty resulting from the federal creation of the Rural Emergency Hospital designation, it isn't advisable to embark on an RFP, as major changes are happening. Ms. Stauffer believes that a new RFP would produce the same results as the previous one and that it would not be a responsible use of public funds. Ms. Stauffer stated that the majority of respondents to the public survey the committee indicate that the community does not support an RFP.</p>	
	<p>Question & Answer</p>		<p>Mr. Desmond asked what questions should be posed in a new RFP. Ms. Williams advised that the board should seek guidance from a health care expert and recommended Phil Ennen as a possibility. Mr. Desmond suggested that the RFP ask the question, "How can you make us profitable?"</p> <p>Ms. Stauffer stated that the last RFP included requests for services. The RFP produced responses from two organizations</p> <p>Mr. Benson asked if there is enough time to complete the RFP prior to the end of the year when the current management agreement with OhioHealth terminates. Ms. Williams noted that there is not a lot of time.</p> <p>Mr. Dreyer asked what the minority opinion would be afraid of if an RFP were conducted. Ms. Stauffer responded that an RFP is not warranted when the Rural Emergency Hospital designation is a possible avenue for MCH to pursue.</p> <p>Mr. Dreyer asked what the majority opinion would be afraid of if an RFP were not conducted. Ms. Williams stated that she was afraid without an RFP to improve services, Morrow County could become irrelevant and unable to reach its potential because it would not be able to attract new businesses or retain current businesses.</p>	

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			<p>Mr. Dreyer stated that if we don't ask the questions, we don't know what the options are. He said that if nothing changes, the is not likely to survive.</p> <p>Ms. Beal asked Ms. Williams whether she felt the resolution passed by the commissioners to establish a wellness committee was a good idea, as it would create another entity for the hospital's board to work with.</p> <p>Ms. Stauffer stated that she was disappointed that some of the HIC committee's recommendations were not included in the commissioners resolution for establishment of a wellness committee.</p>	
	<p>Public Participation</p>		<p>Mr. Griffith inquired whether, in the previous RFP, Avita had provided any financial records and whether</p> <p>Mr. Brucker stated that, as mayor of Mount Gilead, he conducts many RFPs and that they do not cost a lot of money. He asked whether a custom RFP would have to cost a lot of money.</p>	
	<p>Closing Remarks</p>		<p>Ms. Williams stated that there is no harm in looking at opportunities and that's why an RFP is appropriate.</p> <p>Ms. Stauffer stated that in her experience as a health care provider, an RFP conducted by someone who is not a subject matter expert would not provide an accurate assessment and, again, cited the evolution of the Rural Emergency Health designation.</p> <p>Discussion was held regarding the two-year term of the motion. Dr. Trago stated that he felt that a two-year term was appropriate and could be less if the board determined that it wanted to choose another partner.</p> <p>Mr. Ragor stated that he is concerned about asking for a tax levy when a future partner is so uncertain.</p> <p>Dr. Trago said that it is likely the same one or two systems would respond to an RFP conducted now because of geographic limitations. He encouraged the board to consider the threats that beginning an RFP could create and that the current management agreement will expire on December 31, 2021.</p> <p>Mr. Mason suggested that the motion be amended to authorize the chair or his appointee to engage in the negotiation of a contract extension. Mr. Dreyer suggested that OhioHealth be asked to attend a board meeting to answer questions.</p>	

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			<p>Mr. Benson – y Mr. Desmond – y Ms. Harden – y Ms. Beal – y Mr. Dreyer – y Mr. Mason – y Mr. Ragor – y Mr. Rogers – no</p>	
	<i>Discussion</i>			
	<i>Action</i>		<p>Ms. Harden made a motion which was seconded by Ms. Beal, that the board authorize Mr. Benson or his appointee to negotiate a two-year extension for the OhioHealth management contract while the board conducts a SWOT analysis.</p> <p>Ms. Harden amended her motion to authorize Mr. Benson, or his appointee, to negotiate an extension for the OhioHealth management contract while the board conducts a SWOT analysis. Ms. Beal seconded the amended motion.</p> <p>The motion passed by a majority present: Mr. Benson – yes Mr. Desmond – yes Ms. Harden – yes Ms. Beal – yes Mr. Dreyer – yes Mr. Mason – yes Mr. Ragor – yes Mr. Rogers – no</p>	
8:06 pm	<i>Adjournment</i>		<p>Being no further business, Mr. Desmond made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Mr. Dreyer.</p> <p>The motion passed by a majority present: Mr. Benson – yes Mr. Desmond – yes Ms. Harden – yes Ms. Beal – yes Mr. Dreyer – yes Mr. Mason – yes Mr. Ragor – yes Mr. Rogers – yes</p>	

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