

LUMPKIN COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY TRUST MEETING

LUMPKIN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BOARD ROOM

April 9, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 3:34pm by Chairman Deborah Armstrong.

Members present: Deborah Armstrong, Deb Bodney, Leland Cox, Gene Westmoreland, Cindy Tomblin, Mike Davis, and Clark Pierce.

Members absent: Allison Layne.

Visitors present: Shirley Pace (special recognition), Alan Ours (County Manager) and Paula Payne (Community Helping Place)

Special Recognition of Shirley Pace – 20+ years of service on the Hospital Authority

Minutes

The minutes from January 8, 2025, were reviewed; Clark Pierce made a motion to accept the minutes as presented with a second by Mike Davis. The vote was unanimous for acceptance.

Treasurers Report

The Lumpkin County Hospital Authority quarterly financials were presented. Leland noted payment of \$2,500 to Maulding/Jenkins for audit/tax return services with comment that a new fee structure has been negotiated, and this expense will decrease. Second payment for CY 2024 of \$22,500 was made to CHP. Total Assets remain stable despite market fluctuations. Cindy Tomblin made a motion to accept the report as presented, with a second from Clark Pierce. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Old Business - none

New Business

- Community Helping Place presented a new Grant proposal for CY 2025. Paula Payne, on behalf of the free medical clinic requested \$45,000 for this grant period. Ms. Payne discussed current volumes, organizational budget, goal of minimizing need to use the ER for primary care and reported \$1,450,122 as “value” of medical services provided during 4532 visits in 2024.

Deb Bodney brought up for discussion the concept of CHP clients being required to attempt Medicaid approval. She shared with the group information on the relatively new Pathways program and its enhanced opportunity for some clients. There was discussion on the pros and cons of this as a “requirement” for CHP. Ms. Bodney and Ms. Payne agreed to coordinate some education for CHP staff on potential benefits of seeking Pathways Medicaid approval.

- The Authority discussed and agreed to follow the same process as used in 2024 for review and approval of grant requests. The Authority will be prepared to vote on the CHP grant request at the July 2025 meeting.
- There was a brief discussion on the open Authority seat from Shirley Pace’s resignation, and the potential for another opening pending. We will seek clarity on the process of filling the open seat and future open positions.

At 4:06 Gene Westmorland made a motion to adjourn with a second from Cindy Tomblin. The vote was unanimous for approval

Next meeting: July 9, 2025, at 3:30

Submitted by: Deborah Armstrong, Acting Secretary