

**West Coke County Hospital Board Meetings discussed**

By Pat Stephens

The Board of Directors of the West Coke County Hospital District met in regular session October 27, 2015. President Mary Bessent called the meeting to order at 9:30 and declared a quorum was present. Other Board members present were Sarah Green, Pat Stephens, and Pat Carwile. Roger Alexander, on contract with WCCHD, and Janie Munoz, BOM, were also present at the meeting. Roger is assisting President Bessent in the office due to the resignation of Jessica Cason. Jessica's resignation was accepted by the Board at a special called meeting Oct. 14, 2015. At that same meeting, a 30 day notice was given to terminate the bookkeeping agreement with West Coke County EMS. The position of the person keeping the books was defunded due to census, which was suggested as a cost saving measure by then Administrator, Jessica Cason. The Board offered the EMS \$300 per month to defray bookkeeping costs if they chose to hire a bookkeeping firm. Visitors Sue Ann Nesbit, and Vicky Conner were present at the meetings. Minutes from the previous meetings were approved.

The Board voted to accept the resignation of Board member, Dessie Kendall, and Patsy Cason was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Tom Killingsworth of San Angelo, was hired to serve as interim Administrator. He will begin his duties Nov. 16, 2015.

The census count shows there are currently 31 residents in the facility, as of the meeting date.

Staffing Update: There are openings for CNAs, one full time and PRNs. There is also an opening in the kitchen for a PRN cook's helper, and an outside maintenance person for the yard.

Building Maintenance: The installation of the whirlpool is still pending, due to some unexpected occurrences. The Board agreed to check into the cost of updating the telephone system in the facility.

Accounts Receivable/ Collections were discussed, and an update was given to the Board. The financial statements were discussed and accepted.

Plans were made for the annual Thanksgiving luncheon for resident and their families. The meal will be November 22. Plans were also discussed for the Employee Christmas Party.

Future agenda items were discussed, and the date of the next Board meeting will be November 24, 2015. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Checking out the November calendar, the residents enjoyed the guitar music of Ellen, of the San Angelo Symphony, on Nov. 10. The residents also enjoyed two Veteran's Day Programs on Nov. 11. The first presentation was at RLISD that morning, and the second was presented by Gentiva that afternoon. In

addition to the Methodist entertainment on Mondays, the 64 Study Club will sponsor the monthly birthday party Nov. 17, at 3:30. Bob Gulley and John Walker will be celebrating birthdays this month. Stop by and wish them a happy one! The monthly Sing-Along will be held Nov. 20, at 3:30. Come join in the fun. Residents will be enjoying the Thanksgiving Parade on Nov 26, as well as a traditional Thanksgiving lunch. The Board, Staff and Residents at the facility would like to wish everyone a very blessed Thanksgiving.

The Board of Directors of the West Coke County Hospital District met in called session November 19, 2015. Secretary Pat Stephens called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM and declared a quorum was present. Other Board members present were Sarah Green, Patsy Cason, and Pat Carwile. Tom Killingsworth, Interim Administrator, Roger Alexander, whose presence was requested by the Board, and Janie Munoz, BOM, were also present at the meeting. There were several community members present. A list of names is available in the business office. The invocation was given by Pat Stephens, who then read the resignation of Mary Bessent.

The resignation was accepted with great regret, and a word of special appreciation was voiced by Sarah Green, which reflected sincerely the feelings of the Board. Mary has served well in the capacity of president for many years, and will be sorely missed, but the Board wishes her well in future endeavors.

Noel Tinkler was appointed to



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serve on the Board to fill the vacancy.

Justice of the Peace Jackie Walker swore in new Board members Patsy Cason and Noel Tinkler. The Board appreciates their willingness to serve in this capacity and looks forward to working with them.

Board Officers were then elected and are listed as follows:

Pat Stephens: President, Sarah Green: Vice-President; and Pat Carwile :Secretary/Treasurer.

The Board then went into Executive Session to discuss

personnel matters. When the Board returned to regular session, there was no action taken. The meeting adjourned at 4:01 pm.



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