

**NORTH RUNNELS HOSPITAL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES FOR 10/21/2024**

On October 21, 2024 after due notice to the public as evidenced by the attached copy of the Notice and Agenda The Board of Directors of North Runnels Hospital met in regular session at 6:00 pm at North Runnels Medical Clinic, 7571 State Hwy. 153 Winters, TX with the following directors present:

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| President David Hoelscher | Director Melinda Meyers | Director Gary Jacob |
| Director Esteban Esquivel | Vice-President Bobbie Collom | Secretary Alicia Colburn |
| Director Johnny Bob Pritchard | | |

1. Convene Meeting

President David Hoelscher convened the meeting at 6pm and Gary Jacob offered prayer.

2. Roll Call

All directors present.

3. Public Input

No public input.

4. Approval of minutes

Motion by Bobbie Collom, seconded by Melinda Meyers to approve the September 2024 minutes as printed. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Medical Staff

No Medical Staff Report presented.

6. Discussion/possible action regarding CFO report

Motion by Johnny Bob Pritchard, seconded by Bobbie Collom to table the CFO report. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Discussion/possible action regarding Quality Measurers

Presentation by Meri Combs, DON regarding the Quality Measurers. Motion by Alicia Colburn, seconded by Johnny Bob Pritchard to accept the Quality Measurers as printed. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Discussion/possible action regarding 2024 Runnels County Tax Roll Totals

Motion by Johnny Bob Pritchard, seconded by Alicia Colburn to accept the 2024 Runnels County Tax Roll as printed. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Discussion/possible action regarding 2025 health insurance rates

Interim CEO Steven T. George report GPS Insurance received a 60% increase bid from BCBS. Kelly Gehrels has reached out to other companies for quotes. Item was tabled.

10. Executive Session, Section 551.074, Personnel Matters: To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer, Steven T. George

President David Hoelscher called the meeting into executive session at 6:32pm.

11. Resume into regular session

President David Hoelscher called the meeting into regular session at 7:00

12. Executive Session, Section 551.074, Personnel Matters: To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer, Steven T. George

Motion by Gary Jacob, seconded by Johnny Bob Pritchard to employ Steven T. George as CEO of North Runnels County Hospital District. Motion passed unanimously.

13. CEO Update

Steven George reported cash needs to be reconciled as well as bank statements. Need to code invoices correctly. Training still needed for front offices and revenue cycle. Steven George has started receiving a daily collection sheet from the clinic to show patients and amount collected or not collected from patients. Need three providers in the clinic. Need to renegotiate contract for Dr. Mark McKinnon. May outsource weekend ER call. Home Health Department needs training. During the last home health survey, the department was dinged for not having a backup RN. Steven George feels Home Health is overstaffed. Charts for Home Health seem to be doing well. Would like to have two physical therapists. Personnel have a weekly call with Truebridge. Truebridge is not following up on claims. Wants AR aging from Truebridge mainly on commercial insurance. Truebridge rep can't give all answers of questions asked. Mr. George is not happy with the coding company. Charts needs to be closed within 48 hours. As of today, North Runnels Hospital owes Truebridge \$633,000.00. Truebridge wants \$44K per month as of 11/1/2024. Hoping bankruptcy is filed by 11/1/2024. Provider training needed on medical necessity. Marketing personnel feels there are some lab tests that are available for revenue.

14. Adjourn

Motion by Esteban Esquivel, seconded by Gary Jacob for the meeting to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:54pm.



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