

A meeting of the McAlester Regional Health Center Authority was held at 12:00 PM, on Wednesday May 18, 2022 at McAlester Regional Health Center in the Administration Board Room. Public notice, setting forth there on the day, time and place for this regular meeting had been delivered to the office of the City Clerk at 11:59 AM on May 16, 2022.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Mary Shannon, Chairwoman ~ Susan Kanard ~ Johnny Zellmer, MD ~ Sayer Brenner ~ Marti Fields ~ Damon Mascoto

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Christopher Beene, MD, Brent Grilliot, James Bland

HOSPITAL STAFF:

Sonya Stone, Recording Secretary, Shawn Howard, Cheryl Perry, Kim Stout, Lucy Muller, Ken Matthews

OTHER ATTENDEES


CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Shannon called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.

Public Comment: None

Discussion and Consideration of Emergency Linen Agreement: Mr. Shawn Howard reported a significant wind event followed by flood waters damaged the Superior Linen Facility in Muskogee, OK. MRHC utilized Superior Linen to supply linen service hospital wide. MRHC was recently notified by Superior Linen that their facility will not be able to provide linen services to their customers, including MRHC and two other Lifecare Hospitals in Oklahoma due to the extensive damage to the facility and equipment. This event has created an emergency situation for MRHC that threatens public safety. To date MRHC has approximately one week of supplies left however, disposable linens are being used that are extremely expensive. Mr. Howard reported linen service is a biddable item and the bidding process is a 60 day process that cannot be stretched out that long because this is a public health emergency. It is also a risk situation, infection control situation and surgical situation. He recommended the Board declare this issue an emergency situation to bypass the bidding process and approve a vendor to provide the necessary linen services to the hospital. Mr. Howard reported reaching out to the hospitals Group Purchasing Organization, Vizient, asking for a list of Vizient qualified linen service vendors. He opened the floor to Mr. Ken Matthews to provide an update on the vendor search. Mr. Matthews reported MRHC had a 5 year contract with Superior Linen in which the associated costs were locked in prior to the nationwide pricing increase. Were paying roughly 53 cents a pound. Two vendors were chosen as viable options, including MEDtegrity, DBA Division Laundry Dallas, recommended by Vizient, and Linen King who is not a Vizient Company. Both Companies are asking approximately 75 cents a pound and offer a three year agreement. Mr. Matthews recommended MEDtegrity over Linen King due to a past unsatisfactory affiliation. A third vendor was found to not be in the best interest of the hospital. Discussion occurred regarding the proposed agreements. Mr. Mascoto asked if there will be any recoupment from the cancelled agreement with Superior Linen. Mr. Matthews stated it was caused by "an act of God" therefore no recoupment will be offered as stated in the agreement. Ms. Marti Fields stated the Linen King has provisions in the agreement that addresses stains and holes in the delivered linens but the MEDtegrity agreement does not. She recommended asking Medtegrity to include this verbiage in their agreement.

Mr. Matthews agreed to make the request. A motion was made (Brenner) and seconded (Kanard) to declare an emergency situation to bypass the bidding process due to a threat to public safety, and authorize Shawn Howard, President/CEO to negotiate and execute an agreement with MEDtegrity, DBA Division Laundry Texas, and in the event, negotiations fail, he has the authority to negotiate and execute the agreement with Linen King. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Sayer Brenner, Susan Kanard, Damon Mascoto, Marti Fields, Johnny Zellmer, MD, and Mary Shannon. Nay: None. Absent: Brent Grilliot, Jim Bland, Christopher Beene, MD. Abstain: None. Chairwoman Shannon declared the motion carried.

Adjournment: A motion was made(Mascoto) and seconded (Kanard) to adjourn the meeting at 12:19 PM. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Damon Mascoto, Susan Kanard, Marti Fields, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Sayer Brenner, and Mary Shannon. Nay: None. Absent: Brent Grilliot, Jim Bland, Christopher Beene, MD. Abstain: None. Chairwoman Shannon declared the motion carried.



Mary Shannon ~ Chairwoman
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James Bland ~ Vice-Chairman