

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

April 21, 2023

The Wallace County Board of Commissioners met in special session with, Larry Townsend, Chairman, Michael Cowles, Commissioner, Becky Larson, Commissioner, and Brionna Colvin, County Clerk present.

Chairman Townsend called the meeting to order at 12:59 pm.

Brian Gailey, Nancy Schmidt, and Lyle Hammer from the Wallace County Community Care Center Board are present.

Brad and Eileen Porubsky from Hope Springs are present.

10 members from the community are present.

Commissioner Larson would like to create a transition team to make the transition more smoothly.

Brian said that there is not any communication between the WCCCC and Hope Springs.

Brian said that the WCCCC Board is willing to help make this transition as seamless as possible.

Brian is anticipating that Hope Springs will be able to get their license before June 29th, but does not think that will be possible since it is a 90-day process.

Eileen said that there are currently open lines of communication with the current administrator.

WCCCC must be careful with the information they share due to HIPPA. The WCCCC inventory will be discussed as time goes on.

Etta Walker entered the meeting.

Commissioner Larson would like for both parties to select one or two people to be part of the transition team. Both parties should inform the commissioners about who is a part of the transition team.

Currently WCCCC is down to 18 residents, and they are now having financial hardships since all beds are not full. WCCCC is losing staff due to the uncertainty, and they are having to hire more traveling nurses.

It was brought up, that due to the financial hardships, WCCCC will have to lean more on the county.

The commissioners understand that the county will have to help financially in the next couple of months to help WCCCC get through it.

It was stated again that Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services said that nursing homes are dropping quickly and that in a rural community, a residential home care is more suitable.

WCCCC will stick around as long as they are needed until Hope Springs has their license.

Eileen would like to be hired under WCCCC for \$1.00 an hour to go ahead and meet the residents. Eileen would be willing to work 1-2 days a week as a Certified Nurse's Aide.

The ERC fund is still in the works, and it should arrive around June/July.

Clerk Colvin will schedule WCCCC for the April 25th Commissioners meeting at 1:30.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

ATTEST:

Brionna Colvin, County Clerk

Larry Townsend, Chairman

Becky Larson, Commissioner

Michael Cowles, Commissioner