

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

April 27, 2023

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Townsend for business at 5:30 p.m.

Melinda Daily, Nancy Schmidt, Lyle Hammer, and Brian Gailey, Wallace County Community Care Center members and 13 community members were in attendance.

The commissioners would still like to have another special meeting tomorrow, April 28th at 5:30 p.m.

Commissioner Larson explained that when she went and talked to Jennie, Jennie expressed that nurses are resigning and applying elsewhere. If Jennie loses enough staff, she would then be out of compliance with the state and would have to call an emergency shutdown.

Commissioner Larson thinks Jennie is looking to shut everything down and not work with the Commissioners.

Commissioner Larson told the WCCCC Board that they have hard decisions to make, and she thinks they know what she is talking about.

Chairman Townsend thinks that the community can gather names as far as nurses/administration. Chairman Townsends only question to the WCCCC Board was if they would sit down with the suggested and consider hiring them. The WCCCC Board would most definitely sit down with possible applicants.

Chairman Townsend asked the WCCCC board if new hires would be entering a hostile work environment and how would they take care of it?

MaryAnn said that she would take care of it.

The amount in the WCCCC checking account will not cover payroll for the employees next week.

The agency nurse from Lawrence Recruiting Specialties has been assigned to a new facility.

The WCCCC Board just found out about the financial issues with payroll.

Jennie has been asked multiple times to show financials and the WCCCC board was provided with some documentation, but not accurate documents.

Debbie Welsh entered the meeting.

Commissioner Larson recommended to the WCCCC Board to get bank statements from Jennie. The WCCCC board thinks that would take hours and they would need to hire an accountant.

Trying to find someone for the administration role is not easy, but since WCCCC is in an emergency situation, KDADs is willing to work with them.

The WCCCC Board would like to keep any conversations between the 3 parties (transition team) that are involved: WCCCC, the commissioners, and Hope Springs. No community member will be involved.

Jennie gave her 2 weeks to the WCCCC Board just a couple hours ago.

A WCCCC Board member agreed that Jennie needs to be fired and let go.

Chairman Townsend knows that the WCCCC board members hearts are with the people at the care center and so are the commissioners. Members of the audience agreed.

All that is needed to be an administrator is a bachelor's degree and a precept.

WCCCC board wants the transition to go smoothly.

As soon as WCCCC can hand the keys over, they will do it with a smile and be happy.

Chairman Townsend would like to see the financials as accurate as possible. The commissioners have been asking for financials for a long time, and it has only been partially given for months.

The WCCCC Board is frustrated with what they have been receiving over the months as far as financials and they should be able to get into quick books tomorrow and get a better look.

Pictures that were painted by residents and citizens have been rumored to have been taken down by staff. WCCCC Board will look into this issue.

Many community members would like to see the current administrator fired tonight.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

ATTEST:

Brionna Colvin, County Clerk

Larry Townsend, Chairman

Becky Larson, Commissioner