

**THE HEFFERNAN MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE DISTRICT MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 28<sup>TH</sup> OF NOVEMBER 2018 AT 608 HEBER AVE. CALEXICO, CA. CITY OF CALEXICO ON THE DATE, HOUR AND PLACE DULY ESTABLISHED OR THE HOLDING OF SAID MEETING.**

**TO CALL ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30p.m. by Gloria Romo and Mr. Ortega led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

**ROLL CALL-DETERMINATION OF QUARUM:**

Vice Chairperson	Gloria G. Romo
Secretary	Sylvia Bernal
Chief Financial	Norma M. Apodaca
Trustee	Rodolfo Valdez

**GUESTS:**

Tomas Virgen-Executive District Manager  
Eduardo Rivera- Attorney  
Brenda Ryan-Board Clerk  
Tony Pimentel-Public Relations

**ABSENT:**

Hector Martinez-Chairperson

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Mr. Virgen requested for the board to change the amount exceeded for item 11(d) from NTE \$2500.00 to NTE \$2550.75.

Motion was made by Board Member Bernal and second by Board Member Valdez to approve the agenda with the added correction on item 11(d) for November 28, 2018. Motion passed by the following vote wit:

AYES: Romo, Bernal, Apodaca, Valdez

NOES: None

**PUBLIC COMMENT TIME:**

None

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Motion was made by Board Member Bernal and seconded by Board Member Apodaca to approve the minutes October 3, 2019, October 17, 2019 and October 24, 2019. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Romo, Bernal, Apodaca Valdez

NOES: None

**REPORTS ON MEETING AND EVENTS ATTENDED BY DIRECTORS AND AUTHORIZATION FOR DIRECTOR ATTENDANCE AT UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS/DIRECTORS COMMENTS**

Board Member Apodaca attended the Senior Citizen Christmas celebration lunch. It was a very nice event. It was also a retirement for Carmen.

**COMMENTS BY TONY PIMENTEL**

None

**COMMENTS BY EXECUTIVE DISTRICT MANAGER:**

None

**COMMENTS BY GENERAL COUNSEL:**

None

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

1. Presentation of awards to winners of HMHD Health Fair Race.

Mr. Pimentel reported that they have the gifts but have not been able to contact the winners. He will try to contact them for the next meeting.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Discussion and/or action on Neighborhood House request for funding for Christmas gift program and use of 400 Mary Ave.

Motion was made by Board Member Bernal and second by Board Member Apodaca to approve lending 400 Mary Ave facility for storing the Christmas gifts. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Romo, Bernal, Apodaca, Valdez  
NOES: None

Mr. Ortega informed the board that they have been gracious and also donating some monies to buy some gifts. What they need is space for the gift but usually the board would also provide X amount of funding for gifts. They are requesting for \$5000 thousand because that was donated last year.

Board Member Valdez would like to hear what Mr. Virgen's recommendation is before he makes a decision. Mr. Virgen reported that this is outside of this district but in the past whenever he worked with the board usually we passed on these and the board members individually had the option to donate money if they wanted to at cost or they would make a small donation and the board members would matched it. But in reality Mr. Rivera, he does not know if he has any comments on donations such as this, but his only concern is that we under LAFCO and it is important to know that we are under oversight and has to do with our funding and our practicing for funding such projects.

Board Member Apodaca informed everyone that since Heffernan is not able to do this because we are trying to do the best before the eyes of the community she is personally willing to donate \$200.00 to the Neighborhood House. Board Member Bernal will donate \$100.00. Board Member Valdez will donate \$100.00. Board Member Romo will donate \$100.00 Mr. Virgen will donate \$250.00.

2. Discussion and/or action on ACHD membership in the amount of \$2,500.00 for January 1st - June 30th.

Mr. Virgen reported that this is an organization that represents district hospitals and provides a lot of education, webinars, and special representation of the state level. He has had many conversations with them and speaking with them they have a lot of assistance when it comes to bylaws the district is based on. They also they have a network which we can connect with districts like us so that we can get further ahead on getting policies together etc. We don't have to reinvent the wheel. There is another district in the valley that is a part of this and that is PMH. In talking to them this is something that could help us on boarding creating policies that we should have that we may not have and help us also with bylaws. Mr. Virgen recommends this because it will help us tremendously as we are moving forward. They have assistance for grant funding and we can apply for grants as an organization and it provides us a lot of tools that we need and he thinks it is a great organization to belong to.

Motion was made by Board Member Bernal and second by Board Member Apodaca to approve the ACHD membership in the amount of \$2500.00. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Romo, Bernal, Apodaca, Valdez

NOES: None

3. Discussion and/or action on review – discussion - approval of HMHD submittal to LAFCO request of October 22, 2018 letter.

Mr. Virgen reported that this is simply the response and just needs approval where they asked for other document. We are going to respond to it will have the packet available hopefully for the next meeting for the board to review it but it is a very thorough package.

Mrs. Grijalva asked if they give us any idea of when we will be out of probation or why is he controlling on what we spend? What bylaws or state law states they can control that? Mr. Rivera informed Mrs. Grijalva that LAFCO under state law oversees the special districts which the hospital is, the cities, the state prisons, IID so basically when we went through that grant jury situation which led to the LAFCO hearings, which led to that one year request for review of what we were doing then right after the election there were some real serious difficulties that LAFCO pointed out that were the retreat and the consultant issues. That kind of led to a continuous request for information by LAFCO until we finally went back which was basically a year afterwards and then the issue came up about the funding the Calexico Fire Station and firefighters the second year. The first year they did not say anything about that. The second year they really became upset to the point that they were threatening going ahead with a disorganization of the district. When this hearing came up and he thinks we have the May 2018 resolution where basically they say they will continue to monitor us or else continue with the petition for doing away with the district. Mrs. Grijalva asked wouldn't it be up to the voters if they wanted to do away with the district? Mr. Rivera replied that there were two methods. One through the voters and that petition would go to LAFCO or LAFCO could do it on their own. So those are the two ways the district could be disorganized. We have not had any voter petition or any voter

action to try to dissolve the district LAFCO has. Mr. Heuburger has recommended to the LAFO board members that the district either complies with this list or face possible dissolution and obviously if they were to commence this dissolution he is sure the district wouldn't just say okay we would contest it. But that is the reason. LAFCO and the voters have the right to disorganize and do away with the district. So, in a fact that is the probationary quote on quote period that we are on with LAFCO even though Mrs. Bernal asked if the word probation not be included and he thinks it was reviewed the word that was substituted but it's the same thing. So that's what the situation is and he thinks that Mr. Virgen in his discussions with Mr. Heuburger their discussions have indicated that as soon as we can get especially five year strategic plan put together and all of the actions that have taken place this physical year which LAFCO has approved he thinks we are going to be pretty far along in trying to get that removed. This is the first hearing on the 13<sup>th</sup> of December that they are going to be reviewing what is happening the last six months. But both LAFCO and the voter have the ability to dissolve the district and LAFCO has it by way of the statue. Mrs. Grijalva asked if there any reason why you can't help buy an ambulance for the city. Mr. Rivera replied that there isn't any reason except if you look at that resolution it says specifically in that resolution that the district cannot subsidize any programs for the city of Calexico. Now except that they authorized the swim program during the summer with the Calexico Unified School District and the city and Calexico Senior Wellness program. So they have authorized those two programs notwithstanding the language that is contained in that resolution but he thinks that the main problem with LAFCO is subsidizing the cities firefighters and ambulance because its LAFCO's position that the city of Calexico should of entered into the countywide ambulance contract. Mrs. Grijalva asked if the district looked into buying the ambulance. Mr. Virgen replied that districts can own ambulances and some of the districts in California do but it's one of the things that the top three things if had a magic wand what could we do and it would please most of the things on that document is board structure which on boarding orientation for board members on explain roles, brown act and etc. Number two the way you manage projects. The way we have managed in the past doesn't seem as organized the way it should be. Number three is the strategic plan which is very important because that's our direction. Mr. Rivera also responded that the district is in a situation right now where it has to clear certain actions with LAFCO. Only because of that resolution and only because of the risk of having LAFCO take action against the district and trying to dissolve it. Let's assume that February 1<sup>st</sup> comes along and the board at that time decides to purchase and ambulance well we send that proposal to LAFCO for LAFCO to review to determine whether or not that fits in within their resolution and all probability Mr. Heuburger is going to say no and we are not going to allow you to subsidize the city of Calexico fire department. So that's what will happen and if the board disregards LAFCO's recommendation well that is basically going to create more friction between LAFCO and the board and our being able to move away from this quote on quote probation with LAFCO.

Motion was made by Board Member Valdez and second by Board Member Bernal to approve the submittal. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Romo, Bernal, Apodaca, Valdez

NOES: None

4. Discussion and/or action on purchase of computer system for accounting, NTE \$2,550.75.

Mr. Virgen reported that the computer system we have is outdated and it's from 2010. As you all know computers usually get outdated every 2-3 years. The computer will be purchased by Dell directly.

Motion was made by Board Member Bernal and second by Board Member Valdez to approve the purchase of \$2,550.75. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Romo, Bernal, Apodaca, Valdez

NOES: None

5. Discussion and/or action on the Treasurer Report.

Board Member Valdez questioned the transaction check #6338 total amount of \$10,900.00 for obstacles. Mr. Pimentel reported that last year it was a little more than \$9,000.00 to putting up the obstacles and because it is city property we cannot leave the obstacles there. So every time we put back up the obstacles people have to go and set up and take down and this year they had the new obstacles and that is the difference between this year and last year. Board Member Valdez asked to help understand if that was just for the setup of the obstacles or buying the obstacles and Mr. Pimentel responded that it was setting up, installing, building the new ones and taking off and moving back to be storage.

Motion was made by Board Member Bernal and second by Board Member Valdez to approve the treasurer report. Motion passed by the following wit:

AYES: Romo, Bernal, Apodaca, Valdez

NOES: None

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no future business to discuss Board Member Bernal made motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 p.m. Second by Board Member Apodaca. All in favor.