

The Central State Hospital Local Redevelopment Authority met by Zoom virtual meeting on Monday December 21, 2020 at 5:30 PM.

Members present by video were Ms. Fuller, Mr. Rowe, Dr. Stephens, Mr. Pittman, Dr. Nelson, Mr. Grant, Mr. Vaughn, and Mr. Walden.

Chairwoman Fuller opened the meeting by asking for approval of the November minutes.

Mr. Walden 1st motion

Dr. Stephens 2nd motion

On aye: Ms. Fuller, Mr. Rowe, Dr. Stephens, Mr. Pittman, Dr. Nelson, Mr. Grant, Mr. Vaughn, and Mr. Walden.

Chairwoman Ms. Fuller asked for a motion to go into Executive session.

Mr. Vaughn 1st motion

On aye: Ms. Fuller, Mr. Rowe, Dr. Stephens, Mr. Pittman, Dr. Nelson, Mr. Grant, Mr. Vaughn, and Mr. Walden

Regular session resumed at 6:20 and Chairwoman Fuller asked for a roll call.

Members present were Ms. Fuller, Mr. Rowe, Dr. Stephens, Mr. Pittman, Dr. Nelson, Mr. Grant, Mr. Vaughn, and Mr. Walden

Chairwoman Fuller stated that they discussed some personnel and employment issues and no decisions were made.

Dr. Stephens said that he would like to propose a resolution to award the Executive Director an end of contract bonus in the amount of \$55,000. This would recognize his over nine years of service from initial inception of the Authority to current success, including 45 public and private partners, combining this year with renovation of Parham Kitchen with our private partner Food Service Partners; Mr. Couch has also been instrumental in the creation of the legislative tools with the State of Georgia to put Central State Hospital back to work as an economic driver to create jobs for Milledgeville and Baldwin County. Mr. Couch has also agreed to stay in advisory role 30 days after employment of the new Executive Director.

Chairwoman Fuller asked for a second on the resolution.

Mr. Vaughn seconded.

Mr. Walden asked if they could stretch that out over a period of months during 2021.

Mr. Rowe motioned to amend it to verify the cash flow.

Dr. Nelson asked just to be clear if that means before any decision will be made about the bonus, we will confirm any challenges, if any, about the cash flow.

Chairwoman Fuller stated that they were voting on disbursing the \$55,000, but a confirmation of a positive and good cash flow will be determined. Mr. Walden asked if they had to vote on the amendment first? Mr. Rowe stated that you do.

Mr. Walden seconded the amendment.

Mr. Pittman asked how would that be determined. Mr. Walden stated that would be determined. Mr. Rowe said we have accountants that will provide us a letter making that statement. Mr. Pittman said he can't believe that they don't have legal counsel to answer questions. Dr. Nelson said she agrees.

On aye: Ms. Fuller, Mr. Rowe, Dr. Stephens, Mr. Grant, and Mr. Vaughn.

On naye: Mr. Pittman, Dr. Nelson, and Mr. Walden.

Amendment carried 5 to 3.

Chairwoman Fuller asked for a vote on the resolution.

On aye: Ms. Fuller, Mr. Rowe, Dr. Stephens, Mr. Grant, and Mr. Vaughn.

On naye: Mr. Pittman, Dr. Nelson, and Mr. Walden.

Resolution carried 5 to 3.

Mr. Walden asked at what point will they get a better understanding of where they stand with activities going on. Mr. Rowe said he thinks that as part of the transition the Board should have a detailed report from the Executive Director that provides a history of what we accomplished, it should list some future opportunities that will be handed off to the new administration and the new Executive Director, it needs to have statements which would be qualified by the accounting company of the financial position of the organization, it should have statements of some sort from the audit company, and it should point out some issues that incoming administration should be aware of.

Dr. Martinez entered the meeting at 6:30 PM.

Chairwoman Fuller asked if there were any other issues to be discussed.

Mr. Walden asked who actually approves the new board nominees and how do they get approved.

Chairwoman Fuller said from what she understands, 100% of them will be coming off the board and the County has already asked who they wanted to be there choice and they voted on it, the City has two, and Johnny has already been appointed by the Governor.

Mr. Grant said the legislative delegation for Milledgeville and Baldwin County in the House makes two recommendations to the Governor for appointments and the Senate delegation, in our case it is only Rick Williams and Burt Jones would make two recommendations to the Governor. The Senator and the Representative cannot name the person, but the Governor. Mr. Walden said he was thinking one of those appointments needs to be someone with legal background or like the Commissioners have a legal support person

Chairwoman called for a motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 PM

Mr. Rowe 1st motion

Dr. Stephens 2nd motion

On aye: Ms. Fuller, Mr. Rowe, Dr. Stephens, Mr. Pittman, Dr. Martinez, Dr. Nelson, Mr. Grant, Mr. Vaughn, and Mr. Walden