**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Chairman and the Board of Trustees of North Sunflower Medical Center, Ruleville, Sunflower County, Mississippi, met in their Regular Meeting on Wednesday,

26 June 2019, when and where the following were present:

Billy Joe Waldrup, Chairman and Trustee; H. T. Miller, III, Vice Chairman and Trustee; Bobbie Bounds Allen, Secretary and Trustee; Willie M. Burton and Phil McNeer, Trustees; Billy Marlow, Executive Director and Administrator; Sam Miller, Executive Vice President; Rodney Clark, COO; Leigh Ann Armstrong, Interim CFO; Arie Chandler, Administrative Assistant; Sandra Britt, Administrative Assistant; Lawson Holladay, Esquire.

Absent: Joanie Perkins, CCO

Mr. Waldrup called the meeting to order at noon and asked Mr. Sam Miller to open the meeting with a word of prayer.

The minutes of the 22 May 2019 Regular Board Meeting were approved as distributed by motion offered by Ms. Allen and seconded by Mr. Miller and unanimously approved.

There was no unfinished business to bring before the Board for consideration.

The first order of New Business was as follows:

The proposed budget to be presented to the Board of Supervisors at the July 8, 2019 meeting was carefully reviewed by the Board of Trustees. It was noticed that the millage amount due NSMC was not accounted for in the proposed budget and Leigh Ann Armstrong was asked to add that amount into the budget prior to mailing. After discussion, the following motion was made:

**MOTION: I move to approve the Budget for Fiscal Year 2020 with the addition of the millage amount and that it be mailed to the Sunflower County Board of Supervisors prior to their July 8 meeting.**

**Maker: Phil McNeer Seconder: Willie Burton**

**Motion Unanimously Adopted**

Arie Chandler presented the General and Professional liability renewal proposal from Healthcare Professional Insurance Company (HPICO) as the second order of new business. There was a 4% increase in the premium from the previous policy term due to an increase in Acute beds, Geropsychiatric beds, Hospice visits, and retail Pharmacy revenue. The proposed policy includes $100,000 in Cyber/Security coverage, Risk Management services, and free registration to educational conferences and seminars. The rates are as follows:

**HPICO Proposal:**

Professional Liability: $265,795 (includes $74,082 for provider liability)

General Liability: $ 19,171.00

Terrorism Coverage: $ 1,917.00

Employee Benefits: $ 500.00

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**$287,383.00**

Apply Equity Credit- $135,336.00

**Total Amount Due- $152,047.00**

After questions were answered regarding the quote, the following motion was made:

**MOTION: I move to accept the General and Professional Liability proposal from HPICO for the 2019-2020 premium year and that the total premium of $152,047.00 be paid quarterly with 25% down and three installments at 5% interest.**

**Maker: Phil McNeer Seconder: Willie Burton**

**Motion Unanimously Adopted**

The next order of new business was to review the Initial Credentialing applications for two Physicians and five Allied Health Professionals. The applications, education and training, professional references, employment history, licenses, and queries from the National Practitioner Data Bank and the OIG were reviewed for: Walter Moses, III, DMD (Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon-Active Staff); Jason Jennings, DMD (General Dentist-Courtesy Staff); Gyton Williams, FNP-BC; Clifton Reed, FNP-BC; Robert Cox, FNP-BC; Laura Billingsley, CRNA (Locum with Willow Anesthesia); and Paul Carpenter, CRNA (Locum with Willow Anesthesia). The initial term will be for a period of one year and at that time all Providers will be permitted to apply for a two-year term. After review and discussion, the following motion was made:

**MOTION: I move to approve the initial applications of Walter Moses, III, DMD; Jason Jennings, DMD; Gyton Williams, FNP-BC; Clifton Reed, FNP-BC; Robert Cox, FNP-BC; Laura Billingsley, CRNA; and Paul Carpenter, CRNA and that they be given initial privileges to provide care within their scope of practice for a period of one year ending 30 June 2020 and at that time be permitted to apply for a two-year term.**

**Maker: Phil McNeer Seconder: H.T. Miller, III Motion Unanimously Adopted**

The last order of new business was to review the Re-appointment applications for four Physicians and one Allied Health Professional for two year terms. The applications and Data Bank queries of Lamberto Cosue, MD; Roger Blake, MD; Steven Clark, MD; Degail Hadley, DO; and Denton Stokes, CRNA were carefully reviewed and the following motion was made:

**MOTION: I move to accept the re-credentialing applications for Lamberto Cosue, MD; Roger Blake, MD; Steven Clark, MD; Degail Hadley, DO; and Denton Stokes, CRNA and that they be approved for a two year term ending 30 June 2021.**

**Maker: Phil McNeer Seconder: H.T. Miller, III Motion Unanimously Adopted**

At this time Mr. H.T. Miller, III, reported that he had recently spoken with a relative of a swing bed patient and they were very complimentary as to how friendly and accommodating the swing bed staff had been especially in allowing a puppy to be brought in to help cheer up the patient. The relative expressed sincere gratitude and asked Mr. Miller to report this to the Board of Trustees and the Administration staff.

Leigh Ann Armstrong presented the financial information for May as attached to the minutes. The entire Facility has a cash balance of $14.8 Million, total assets of $47.5 Million, and a Total Liabilities and Fund balance of $47.5 Million. The Hospital’s Gross Revenue for May was $8 Million. The Hospital had a Net income of $56,955 for May (down from prior month due to a decrease in surgery cases) and a Year to Date Net Loss of $234,795. For the month of May Hospice had a Net Income of $22,447 (down from prior month due to payment of annual software dues); Sunflower Diagnostic Center had a Net income of $19,393; Simply Sunflower had a Net income of $450; Sunflower DME had a net income of $34,918 (down from prior month due to expense of supply purchase); NSMC Pharmacy had a net income of $16,752 (down from prior month due to payment of annual software dues); and the Rural Health Clinic had a net income of $74,796 (down from prior month due to decrease in visits).

Billy Marlow gave the Administrator’s report as follows:

The Hospital seems to be running smoothly at this time. Walter B Crook had their annual State survey last week and it went very well. There were no life safety or dietary deficiencies and only two deficiencies for the Nursing Home.

Hospice had their annual State survey this week and there were no deficiencies noted.

Swing bed days will be approximately 430 for the month of May which is great.

Mr. Marlow reported that he will be out of the country from July 28-August 18.

At this time, Mr. Waldrup asked for an explanation regarding an article he read about Walter B Crook being listed among six other nursing homes in Mississippi that persistently underperform in the required State survey. Mr. Sam Miller reported that we believe the report was based on the 2014 State Survey involving one patient that had multiple instances of falls, despite various interventions, which resulted in the nursing home going under Special Focus Facility designation for three months in 2015. Since 2015 new procedures have been implemented and there have been several satisfactory surveys. Mr. Miller went on to say that in 2016 Walter B Crook was released from the Special Focus Facility designation.

Rodney Clark gave the Quality Assurance report at this time.

NSMC scored 60% and above in all CMS HCAHPS categories for the 10/01/2018-03/31/2019 period with a hospital sample size of 17. See the full report attached to these minutes.

Next, Mr. Clark gave a report on the Mississippi Hospital Association (MHA) proposed plan of Mississippi Cares. He explained that MS Cares, if approved, would expand health insurance coverage to thousands of non-disabled adults ages 19-64 in the state who do not have coverage and are not eligible for Medicaid. Approximately 300,000 Mississippians fall into this health insurance coverage gap which leads to $624 Billion in uncompensated care costs that are absorbed by the state’s hospitals each year. MS Cares would decrease the uncompensated care costs by an average of $251.6 million per year which would improve the financial stability of the state’s hospitals. MS Cares requires no investment of State resources. The proposal has to be approved by the Governor and once approved a Medicaid waiver must be obtained.

Upon Motion made by Phil McNeer and seconded by Mr. H.T. Miller, III, the Board adjourned at 12:45 P.M., subject to the call of the Chairman.

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Billy Joe Waldrup, Chairman Bobbie Bounds Allen, Secretary