

**CENTRAL COUNTIES SERVICES**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**December 10, 2024**  
**Hybrid Meeting**

The **December 10, 2024** meeting of the Board of Trustees for Central Counties Services (CCS) was held at the Temple Main facility on **December 10, 2024** in Temple, Texas at **5:37 PM**.

The following members of the Board, CCS Staff and Guests were present:

Board of Trustees Hybrid Meeting:

Mr. Ray Ashby – Present  
Mr. Steve Wick – Present  
Ms. Rita Kelley – Present  
Judge David Blackburn - Present  
Ms. Felicia Inman – Present  
Ms. Virgie Hardeman – Present

Absent:

Judge James Lively – Absent  
Dr. Andrejs Avots-Avotins – Absent  
Sheriff Jesus Ramos – Absent

Guests:

Laurie Green, Central Counties Services – Retirement Recognition  
Arianna Mikeska, MRB Group – Wales Drive Project Presentation  
Dan Mojica, MRB Group – Wales Drive Presentation  
Bryan Smith, RM Rodriguez Construction – Wales Drive Project  
Sherri Garrett, RM Rodriguez Construction – Wales Drive Project

Center Attorney:

Mr. Jack Tarver – Present

Staff:

Johnnie Wardell, Executive Director - Present  
Kelli Sames, Director of Human Resources - Present  
DeWayne HaGans, Chief Financial Officer – Present  
James Arnold – Director of Behavioral Health - Present  
Rebecca Wagner – New Director of Early Childhood Intervention - Present  
Darla Hogan, Director of Information Services - Present  
Barbara Theilen, Executive Assistant II – Present

A. **CALL TO ORDER**

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by Mr. Ray Ashby, Chairman of the Board of Trustees at 5:37 PM by a Regular Session.

**REGULAR SESSION**

**1) Introduction of Guests:**

Ray Ashby introduced Laurie Green for her retirement recognition. Johnnie Wardell and James Arnold shared their appreciation for Laurie's dedication and service for 35 years, and presented her with a certificate of appreciation and retirement gifts. Ray Ashby thanked Laurie for her service and dedication.

**2) Review of Board Calendar**

No Questions

**3) Approval of October 22nd, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes**

*Steve Wick* moved for approval of the **October 22, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes** as submitted, *Virgie Hardeman* seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried.

**4) Approval to Negotiate a Contract for General Contracting Services for the Renovation of 1011 Wales Drive Killeen Texas**

Arianna Mikeska with MRB Group presented the proposal for renovations of 1011 Wales Drive Killeen Texas, and answered questions from the Board.

*Steve Wick* moved for approval to **Negotiate a Contract for General Contracting Services for the Renovation of 1011 Wales Drive Killeen Texas** as submitted, *Rita Kelley* seconded. *All were in favor. The motion carried.*

**5) Approval of Bell County Diversion Center Policies**

Ray Ashby asked for any questions and approval for the Bell County Diversion Center Policies. No questions.

*David Blackburn* moved for approval of the **Bell County Diversion Center Policies** as submitted, *Steve Wick* seconded. *All were in favor. The motion carried.*

**6) Approval of FY2025/2026 Mental Health: Local Provider Network Development Plan (LPND) & Consolidated Local Service Plan (CLSP)**

Doug Wells shared the details of the FY2025/2026 Mental Health: Local Provider Network Development Plan & the Consolidated Local Service Plan (CLSP), and answered questions from the Board.

*Rita Kelley moved for approval of the FY2025/2026 Local Provider Network Development Plan (LPND) as submitted, Virgie Hardeman seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried.*

*Steve Wick moved for approval of the FY2025/2026 Consolidated Local Service Plan (CLSP) as submitted, Rita Kelley seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried.*

**7) Executive Summary – Center Happenings**

Johnnie Wardell shared the Executive Summary - Center Happenings for November 2024, and answered questions from the Board.

**B. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

a. None

**C. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Medical Committee-Dr. Andrejs Avots-Avotins – Absent
2. Personnel Committee- Rita Kelley – No Report
3. Finance Committee - James Lively – Absent
4. Long Range Planning and Facility Committee - Steve Wick – Wales Drive renovation is going well so far. Killeen group home will be up and running January 13, 2024.

**D. PERSONNEL MATTERS**

1. ACTION ITEMS:

None

2. NON-ACTION ITEMS:

None

**E. FISCAL MATTERS**

1. ACTION ITEMS

**a. Approval of FY2025 Budget Adjustment # 1 - TCOOMMI**

DeWayne Hagans presented the FY2025 Budget Adjustment # 1 for TCOOMMI Services and answered questions from the Board.

*Steve Wick moved for approval of the FY2025 Budget Adjustment #1 – TCOOMMI Services as submitted, David Blackburn seconded. All were in favor. The motion carried.*

2. NON-ACTION ITEMS

**a. Monthly Financial Statement – October 2024**

DeWayne Hagans reviewed the financial statements ending October 30, 2024, and answered questions from the Board.

**F. SPECIAL REPORTS**

None

**G. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Johnnie Wardell shared that the FY2024 Fiscal Audit is on track to present to the Board in January. Johnnie also talked about the Diversion Center Open House, and that it is currently open and accepting referrals and looking to expand the eligible agencies that will be able to refer people; however, Diversion Center is not open to the general public. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Thank you for all of your continued support on our growth and development of our services.

**H. BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMENTS/MEETING EFFECTIVENESS FEEDBACK**

**Felicia Inman:** I am excited about everything moving forward, and excited for Laurie because it is not common to have someone in mental health service at that longevity. Merry Christmas to all.

**David Blackburn:** Happy to be here and appreciate what you do.

**Steve Wick:** I am enthusiastic about the involvement we have with law enforcement. We are laying a lot of groundwork for goods thing to come. Our financial position is very healthy.

**Virgie Hardeman:** Welcome to Judge Blackburn to the Board. Merry Christmas Everyone. I am looking forward to working on Milam County projects.

**Rita Kelley:** Welcome Judge Blackburn. I am really looking forward to the improvements we have going on at the center. Congratulations to Laurie on her retirement and thank you to all the staff for all you do. Merry Christmas.

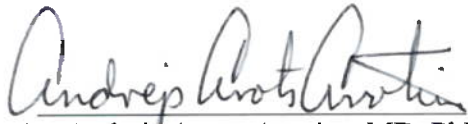
**Jack Tarver:** Jack asked about the renovation money and reserves. Welcomed Judge Blackburn. Merry Christmas to all.

**Ray Ashby:** Happy about the infrastructure we are building. Thank you to all involved with everything. Merry Christmas to all.

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further official business, Ray Ashby adjourned the meeting at 6:41 PM.

SUBMITTED BY:



Dr. Andrejs Avots-Avotins, MD, PhD  
Secretary

Board of Trustees  
CCCMHMR  
Recorded by:  
Barbara Theilen  
Executive Assistant II

**NOTE:** The reference material disseminated during the meeting will be archived with the official Minutes.