

# **Highlands County Hospital District Auditor Selection Committee Regular Meeting – February 22, 2024**

The Auditor Selection Committee of the Highlands County Hospital District Board of Commissioners met at 11:00pm on Thursday February 22, 2024, at the Highlands County Commissioner's Board Room. Notice of the Regular Meeting was published in the Highlands News Sun on February 22, 2024. The notice is filed in the Board's meeting file.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Dean Gerber, Dusty Johnson, Jeff Roth

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Victor Divietro, Katie Wilson

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Bert Harris – Swaine, Harris & Wohl, PA; Gail Escobar- Clerk

**I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** at 11:05 pm by Chairman Gerber.

**II. INVOCATON AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Roth led the pledge and gave the invocation.

**III. APPROVE AGENDA**

A motion was not made due to the length of the meeting's agenda.

**IV. CALL FOR COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no comments.

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Mr. Johnson made a motion seconded by Mr. Roth to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 7, 2023. Upon roll call, all Members voted aye. The motion carried.

**VI. RANK FIRMS PROPOSING PROFESSIONAL AUDIT SERVICES**

Proposals were received from CLA – CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP, and James Moore & Co., PL. Each proposal was provided to each committee member.

Mr Harris, legal counsel, encouraged each committee member to use the Selection Criteria Scoring sheets and turn those into the Clerk who will total the scores and present the results to the Chairman. The committee can discuss the merits of each proposal as they wish to do so. Mr. Johnson mentioned that the CLA proposal had mentioned a yearly increase in fees whereas James Moore did not. The RFP proposal does cover the fiscal year ending 30 September 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, and thereafter with the ability to negotiate the yearly fees.

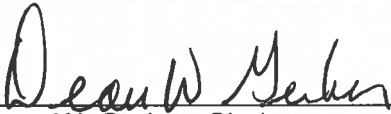
The Chairman read the results of the Clerk's tally with a result for CLA of 298 points and James Moore of 288 points. It was noted by members of the committee that both applicants were well qualified.


**VII. APPROVE RECOMMENDATION TO HIGHLANDS COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT BOARD**

**MOTION:** Mr. Johnson made a motion seconded by Mr. Roth to adopt the Resolution ranking the firms as presented and to present to the Hospital District Board. Upon roll call, all Members voted aye. The motion carried.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Gerber adjourned the meeting at 11:16 am.

  
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Dean W. Gerber, Chairman

  
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Gail Escobar, Clerk