

Hospital board has short agenda

Written by Chris Lee

East Phillips County Hospital board members had a short meeting Tuesday, March 27 with very little business on the agenda.

Melissa Memorial Hospital will begin to look at ways to revamp the annual health fair and engage the community a little better, according to MMH administrator John Ayoub.

He said it's not only because of the attendance numbers. The goal is to reinvigorate the community and try to up the numbers a bit from recent years.

Ayoub felt overall this year's health fair was a success. He noted 640 had blood drawn and 220 people took advantage of the actual fair Saturday, March 24.

MMHF looking for new executive director

Ayoub said Melissa Memorial Hospital Foundation (MMHF) has begun the process of searching for a new executive director. Current director Cherrie Brown has announced she will step down to spend some more time with family.

Administrator reports activity

Ayoub reported a new scope washer has been installed and is working great.

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Ayoub noted his appreciation for the response and effort put forward by hospital staff during an anhydrous leak at Grainland Cooperative Thursday, March 22. He noted it was one of those situations where the hospital comes together with other emergency response agencies in the area to work in cooperation.

The administrator said the audit team from Eide Bailly visited the hospital to perform the annual audit and things went very, very well. "I appreciate Greg (Was) and his team."

Other business

In other business March 27, board members:

—held a six-minute executive session for personnel matters.

—noted the next board meeting will be held Tuesday, April 24 at 5:30 p.m.

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