



# MID-ILLINOIS MEDICAL DISTRICT

Mid-Illinois Medical District Commission

4:00 p.m., Thursday, August 29, 2024

## MINUTES

### **Present:**

Erica Austin, Commissioner

Ryan Croke, President

Tessica Dooley, Commissioner

Aaron Gurnsey, Vice President

Jack Mazzotti, Commissioner

Brian McFadden, Commissioner

John Stremsterfer, Commissioner

**Staff Support:** Abby Powell, Ramona Metzger

**Absent:** Joe Hurwitz, Brian Zilm

**Other Guests:** Michelle Ownbey (Enos Park Development); Val Yazell (City of Springfield); Kayla Graven (City of Springfield)

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### **1. Call to order and roll call**

President CROKE called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm after noting a quorum was present. Attendance as indicated above.

### **2. Minutes of the May 23, 2024 Commission meeting**

On a motion by Commissioner GURNSEY seconded by Commissioner STREMSTERFER, commission members unanimously approved the minutes of the May 23, 2024 meeting.

### **3. Financial Report**

Treasurer METZGER reviewed the financial reports from May, June, and July. There is currently a balance of \$236.53 in the MIMD account.

On a motion by Commissioner CROKE, and seconded by Commissioner DOOLEY, the Commission unanimously approved the financial report.

### **4. Stakeholder Updates:**

- Michelle Ownbey (Enos Park) – Expressed appreciation for the SIU medical students and City of Springfield for their work during the recent SIU Day of Service. Approximately 100 students participated.



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5. **Public Comment:** None

6. **Old Business**

- Master Plan for Downtown and Mid-Illinois Medical District; Val Yazell, Director for the City of Springfield Office of Planning and Economic Development shared that she has been working with the consultant team at Houseal Lavigne to edit and update the master plan. The plan will be presented at the October 25<sup>th</sup> Citizens' Club meeting and presented to City Council on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

7. **New business**

Mental Health Needs – Commissioners were asked to review the attached resolution calling for the establishment of a 708 Mental Health Board for Sangamon County.

Val Yazell noted that Heartland Housed has discussed the creation of a 708 board for several years. Commissioner MCFADDEN shared that the County has been in discussions with County Health Board and Heartland Housed, as well as the chairs of the newly created Massey Commission. The County is researching a county-wide model and how it may interact with existing tax structures. The establishment of a 708 Mental Health Board would require a voter referendum.

On a motion from Commissioner STREMSERFER and seconded by Commissioner GURNSEY, the Commission voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

See attached document:

**Resolution of the Mid Illinois Medical District Commission  
In Support of the Establishment of a 708 Mental Health Board for Sangamon County**

8. **Adjourn**

On a motion from Commissioner STREMSERFER, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Submitted by:

Joe Hurwitz, MIMD Commission Secretary