

# SHD: Project Drawings Anticipated Monday

## From Page 1

Board of Directors on Monday. Monday's meeting, which is open to the general public for those who wish to attend, is slated for a 6:30 p.m. start at the Memorial Hospital facility's Administration Board Room.

Betsy Briscoe, Chief Executive Officer for the SHD, confirmed on Thursday afternoon officials with McKinstry would be on hand to present their preliminary plans and discuss updated happenings with the estimated \$20-to-25 million project, which is anticipated to add some 60,000 sq ft of medical space to the facility, located in the 200 block of N.W. 8th St.

Briscoe added she didn't anticipate any more action on Monday's discussion topic, primarily associated with whether or not to place general obligation bond funding for the project before voters in the upcoming May 11 general election process.

"We're looking at some alternative funding mechanism through the

USDA (US Dept. of Agriculture)," said Briscoe.

Billed as a "Phase II" project, McKinstry -- a full-service design, build, operate and maintain (DBOM) firm hired by the local district to begin the ground work for the project -- and Seminole Hospital District officials are proposing the addition of a new emergency room facility at the hospital campus, which would expand from its current four room floor plan to an eight room service center.

Included in the expansion would be four ER patient rooms, one cardiac room, two trauma rooms, one ISO room, two storage rooms, three treatment rooms, and four urgent care rooms. In addition, the ER facility would see an enlarged waiting area -- with a capacity of 35-to-40 people -- and separate entrances for ambulances and patients/visitors.

Preliminary expansion talks also included the proposed construction of new, larger Obstetrics/Labor

and Delivery rooms, two new operating rooms, two new recovery rooms, four staff offices for the OR department, new radiology facilities with room for CT, MRI, Mammography and R&F machinery, and renovations/repurposing existing space within the Memorial Hospital campus.

The proposed additions, according to White's presentation, would see the expansion of facilities to the south and west of the Memorial Hospital campus' current emergency room facilities, as well as the addition of a second floor to the campus' two patient wings currently on site.

The additions, according to both hospital district and McKinstry officials, will not add additional patient rooms to the local district, which is classified as a "Critical Access Hospital" and may have no more than 25 patient beds, according to Medicare reimbursement guidelines.

Hospital district officials are also considering the addition of an Alzheimer's dedicated patient wing to the Memorial Care Center facilities, which will first house the hospital district's emergency/operating rooms during the early phases of the construction/expansion process.

SHD officials learned in early December that funding for the project would have to come through a general obligations bond election process with hospital district taxpayers, which is initially being targeted for May 11.

Back in December, hospital district board members unanimously approved of the \$2.77 million infrastructure renovation project for hospital district facilities.

The energy savings infrastructure remodel project is anticipated to include renovations to HVAC, controls, lighting and other utility systems within the Seminole Hospital District, which include the Memorial Hospital campus, Memorial Health Care Center, Memorial Place Assisted Living Center, and the district's medical clinics and records storage facility.

The "Phase I" project, according to McKinstry figures produced in Monday's meeting, projected the SHD to save \$58,267 in annual energy savings, while an annual savings of \$135,000 are being projected by the company on reduced repair costs and future avoided capital expenditures in relation to infrastructure issues.

The SHD is also anticipating a \$17,942 incentive from utility providers for the project, according to McKinstry figures.

The \$2.77 million guaranteed maximum price for the project by McKinstry will be funded by the Seminole Hospital.

District through a revenue bond agreement with Government Capital Corp.

McKinstry officials are projecting to begin the infrastructure renovation project at the campus in April, and have the project completed by late August.

Company officials, in their mid-October presentation to SHD board members, said they could save the district between \$44,000 and \$54,000 annual in energy savings through energy management control system upgrades, HVAC equipment improvements, lighting improvements, computer power management, water conservation measures, and other energy management practices.

According to the company's October figures, the SHD could earn \$650,000 to \$800,000 for self-funding facility improvements over a 15 year period, through the project.

A bulk of the \$2.77 million project will be conducted on the replacement of HVAC equipment and the addition of direct digital controls (DDC) to the Memorial Health Care Center. According to figures, the cost associated with that portion of the project was quoted at \$1.24 million.

An additional \$668,646 is being anticipated for work on controls upgrades for the Memorial Hospital's main campus.

The work includes the installation of a new open protocol energy management control system, the installation of new air handler units to reduce the amount of outside air entering into the facility, and removal of existing outside air supply fans, just to name a few.

The hospital facility, as well as a majority of the district's other facilities, will also see the retrofitting of existing lighting fixtures with more "energy efficient" systems and the installation of programmable digital

thermostat systems.

In other business action on Monday, SHD Board Members will consider the following agenda item requests:

- Call for Election for Saturday,

May 11, 2013;

- Consider / Approve Board Resolution of Changes to Enabling Legislation;

- Consider / Approve Parking Lot Surface;

- Consider / Approve Financial and Statistical Report; and,
- other routine administrative/monthly business items pertaining to regular SHD Board business.

## Local EMS Staff, Group Earns SPEMS Awards

LUBBOCK -- Local emergency responders were recently recognized by their regional peers following an awards ceremony held at the 2013 South Plains Emergency Medical Services conference, held earlier this month at University Medical Center's McInturf Conference Center.

Seminole EMS Paramedic Benjamin Sanchez was named the SPEMS "Emergency Medical Technician Paramedic of the Year," which honors the EMT-P who has excelled in the areas of patient care, service to their EMS organization, service to the community, and service to EMS in the South Plains region.

Sanchez has been involved in EMS since 1997 and joined the Seminole EMS staff in July 2005 following several years of service with the North Gaines County ESD. In addition, to being a certified paramedic, Sanchez is also a TDSHS EMS instructor and has been active with CPR/First Aid training to the public and with the EMS training program.

Seminole EMT Twila Caffey was named as the "Emergency Medical Technician of the Year," which honors the EMT-Basic who has excelled in the areas of patient care, service to their EMS organization, service to the community and service to EMS in the South Plains Region.

Caffey has been involved in EMS since 2008 and joined the Seminole EMS staff in November of that year.

In addition to her duties as an EMT, Caffey is active in CPR/First Aid training to the public and is described as being a "driving force in the fundraising activities of the Seminole EMT Volunteer Assoc (SEMIVA).

The SEMIVA was also honored with the First Responder Organization award at the conference.

The award is given to a first responder organization which assumed a leadership role in EMS by achievement in areas of patient care, public access, medical control, disaster preparedness, public education and training.

The SEMIVA was registered as a first responder group after its formation in 1984. The association works with the Seminole EMS by responding to incidents where a member may be close by while EMS is en route. SEMIVA is also involved in the promotion of the EMS organization, education and fundraising for projects of the Seminole EMS, which may not be budgeted.

Most members of the local group are part time employees of the Seminole EMS and help provide additional staffing as needed.

Seminole business owner Agatha Wall was awarded the "Friend of EMS" award, which honors a private citizen for a heroic life-saving act or unique advocacy of EMS.

Wall, the owner of Southern Rose in Seminole, was nominated for her support of the Seminole EMS and SEMIVA, and for her work with both organizations by assisting with annual events.

In addition, Wall served as a major contributor in a fundraiser to assist with medical costs of an EMS employee.

South Plains Emergency Medical Services (SPEMS), Inc. is a non-profit organization with the goal to reduce mortality and morbidity by addressing and solving medical and trauma related needs through effective regional coordination of emergency medical services, and in the process, increase the accessibility, consistency, and quality of emergency health care provided to the residents of the Texas South Plains.

The specific purpose of South Plains EMS (SPEMS) includes coordination of a regional medical communication network, including equipment and radio communication guidelines, maintenance of FCC license, and regulation of med-channel frequencies for the region; increased quality and standardization of the treatment of emergency patients in the region through the use of pre-hospital treatment protocols, on-line medical direction, and available provider performance analysis, augmentation of the quality assurance guidelines and support of regional training programs; provision of administrative assistance as requested by the emergency medical services in the region, such as centralized purchasing, regional coordination of equipment and personnel, regional disaster planning; acquisition and administration of any medically related Federal, State or private grants.



Seminole EMS Volunteer Assoc.

# Community Calendar

Check Dates and Times Below for All Weekly Community Happenings

## SUNDAY, February 17

Attend the church of your choice.

## MONDAY, February 18

- 8:00 a.m.-12 noon and 1:00-5:00 p.m.--South Health Clinic, 704 Hobbs Hwy.
- 9:00-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m.--Immunization clinic, South Plains Health Department, 704 Hobbs Highway. (Clinic in Seagraves every third Monday, 1:30-3:30 p.m.; open from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. the first Monday and from 7 a.m.-5 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month).
- 9:00 a.m.--Exercise class, Senior Citizen Center.
- 5:00 p.m.--Seminole Economic Development Board Meeting, Board Room, Economic Development Offices.
- 6:30 p.m.--Masonic Lodge #957 Meal and Meeting (meeting at 7:30 p.m.), Masonic Lodge...meet 1st Monday of every month.
- 7:00 p.m.--Seminole Memorial Hospital Board Meeting, Board Room, Memorial Hospital.
- 7:00 p.m.--Seagraves City Council Meeting, Board Room, Seagraves City Hall.
- 7:00 p.m.--Loop ISD Board Meeting, Board Room, Loop ISD.
- 8:00 -9:00 p.m.--Alcoholics Anonymous, CR 402K, #110.

## TUESDAY, February 19

- 8:00 a.m.-12 noon and 1:00-5:00 p.m.--South Plains Health Clinic, 704 Hobbs Highway.
- 9:00 a.m.-12 noon--Seagraves shot clinic, Senior Citizen's Center, 1204 Avenue F.
- 12 noon--Seminole Lions Club, First Presbyterian Church.
- 1:30-4:00 p.m.--First Monday of the month Adult Learning Center Registration, SE 4th St.
- 7:00 p.m.--Al-Anon Group, 109 SW Ave G (First Assembly of God Fellowship Hall).
- 6:00-7:00 p.m.--Young People's Group, Gaines County Rehabilitation Center, 110 Southwest Avenue B.
- 7:00 p.m.--Al-Anon Group, 110 SW Ave B.
- 7:00 p.m.--Seminole EMT Volunteer Association. EMS building. (First Tuesday of each month).
- 7:00 p.m.--Gaines County Committee on People with Disabilities, Seminole City Hall. (First Tuesday of each month).
- 7:00 p.m.--"Wings of Glory" Chapter of the Christian Motorcycle Association, Thelma's One Stop. (Fourth Tuesday of each month).
- 7:30 p.m.--Seminole American Legion, Legion Hall, two miles west of Seminole on U.S. 180. (First Tuesday of each month).

## WEDNESDAY, February 20

- 8:00 a.m.-12 noon and 1:00-5:00 p.m.--South Plains Health Clinic, 704 Hobbs Highway.
- 9:00 a.m.--Exercise class, Senior Citizen's Building.
- 10:00 a.m.-12 noon--Bob Lewis Mission open, 109 Southwest Avenue B. (Open each Wednesday during the same hours).
- 8:00 p.m.--Alcoholics Anonymous (Spanish), Community Rehabilitation Center, 110 Southwest Avenue B.
- 8:00 p.m.--Al-Anon, Community Rehabilitation Center, 110 Southwest Avenue B.

## THURSDAY, February 21

- 8:00 a.m.-12 noon and 1:00-5:00 p.m.--South Plains Health Clinic, 704 Hobbs Highway.
- 12 noon--Seminole Rotary Club, First Presbyterian Church.
- 7:00 p.m.--Alcohol and other drug education group, 110 Southwest Avenue B.
- 7:00 p.m. (Mountain Time, 8 p.m. Texas Time)--Alzheimer's Disease and Related Demential Disorders Support Group meeting, Columbia Lea Regional Hospital Educational Complex Room, Hobbs. (Last Thursday of each month).
- 8:00 p.m. (Texas Time)--Gambler's Anonymous, 800 West Bender, Hobbs, N.M., First Assembly of God Church (across from Albertsons).

## FRIDAY, February 22

- 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1:30-3:00 p.m.--South Plains Health Clinic, 704 Hobbs Highway.
- 9:00 a.m.--Exercise class, Senior Citizen's building.

## SATURDAY, February 23

No scheduled activities

**SEMINOLE THRIFTWAY**  
ANDREWS HWY. 758-9869