

Served as interim CEO for 90 days in 2021

Faison-Clark served on DMH board for 10 years

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20 meeting. “As of a week ago yesterday, I became the interim CEO of your hospital. I’m new to this role, but I’m not new to the hospital. I’ve served on the (DMH) board for 10 years, along with Mark O’Bryant, as representatives from Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare.

“Back in 2021, in the middle of the pandemic, we had a gap in leadership when Tom Stone left and before Chris Schmidt started -- because it was going to take 90 days for him to start,” she said.

“The board said they could not handle another transition, and asked me if I would step in as interim CEO back then.

“I will be honest with you. It was the most rewarding and career-changing moment -- those 90 days. It was a crazy time. We opened the ICU unit. We were doing a lot. And, those people and

that place have stuck with me since then,” she said.

“So, now when we’ve found ourselves with another gap in leadership, I was asked to step up again,” Faison-Clark said. “I want you to know, my commitment is to hopefully stay for the long haul this time and to make that hospital a thriving center for quality healthcare.

“We are turning over every stone right now looking for efficiencies, looking for new services to grow, looking for what this community needs, because people should not be going back and forth to Tallahassee for their healthcare.

“I see the hardships when they get there. I’ve seen it from both ends. My commitment is to help build those bridges and relationships to bring more services locally and bring more doctors who agree,” she said.

Faison-Clark said she met with County Administrator LaWanda Pemberton the



Newly-appointed Doctors’ Memorial Hospital (DMH) interim CEO Lauren Faison-Clark addresses the Taylor County Commission during the board’s June 20 meeting. “I want you to know, my commitment is to hopefully stay for the long haul this time and to make that hospital a thriving center for quality healthcare,” she told the commission.

previous week to discuss the hospital.

“LaWanda was very gracious to have a meeting with me and listen to me for an hour and a half,” she said. “I am very excited, because

you have incredible people that work at this hospital, and they have been beat up, and I’m ready to step in from the sidelines and help them make this a viable business where people can

get quality healthcare.”

She invited the commissioners to meet with her, as well as their constituents, to discuss any concerns they might have.

“I would love your input,

because I want you to be our partners in helping make this place a great place for healthcare, because the staff are already working hard to make it happen,” Faison-Clark added.

TMH’s chief health operations officer also joins board

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board and would like to serve the last term available to me. I have served in various leadership positions and currently serve as chairman of the board.

“We have made some very positive steps forward in the last couple of years, and I would like to continue to be a part of helping the hospital service and thrive in the rural environment we live.”

In answering a question regarding his opinions on the strengths and weaknesses of DMH, Barbaree said, “The strength is a very competent staff of professionals and an excellent CEO who is dedicated to making the hospital a success both in the service provided as well as financially. Additionally, we are fortunate to have a great facility that is the envy of other rural hospitals.

“The weakness is that we are a rural hospital that depends on a payment

system that is government controlled (Medicare and Medicaid),” Barbaree continued. “A little over one-half of the revenue comes from this source. The age of the building is a real concern and the lack of enough cash flow to replace worn-out equipment and infrastructure exacerbates the issues.

“I greatly appreciate the interest the commission has taken in the success of the hospital,” Barbaree said in conclusion. “The designation of the one-quarter of one-percent sales tax is a very important part of keeping the building up. Knowing it is there to cover the unexpected is real important to providing medical care to our community.”

• **Sherri Ellis** is a graduate of Taylor County High School; Florida A&M University with a bachelor of science in mechanical engineering; and Central Michigan University with a master of administration and human resources.

Ellis has more than 26 years of experience in process management and operations, project planning and implementation. After a successful career in the automotive manufacturing industry, she recently returned to Perry and is looking forward to sharing her vast experience and expertise to help strengthen and support DMH.

In her application, Ellis stated, “I was born and raised in Perry and within the last year relocated from Michigan back to Perry. I love my city, county and community and would love to be a part of the board for DMH.

“I have had great experiences with DMH, as well as not-so-great,” she said. “I believe that as a board member, we, as a unit, can help create more of those great experiences for others.”

Regarding her opinions on the strengths and weaknesses of DMH, Ellis said, “Weaknesses consist of perception of DMH

and what it has the ability to do for its patients and community. The strength is that it is open and serving. We need to promote the strengths.”

Regarding how she felt her selection would benefit the DMH board, Ellis said, “I have a unique and diverse viewpoint coming from an automotive manufacturing background steeped in management solutions and standardization, as well as safety. I manage over \$1 billion in operational budget, capital and expense yearly.”

• **Scott Barton** is a graduate of Holmes County High School, Chipola College and the University of Florida with a bachelor of science in chemical engineering. Barton has worked with GP’s Foley Cellulose for 27 years. He also served as a board member for Buckeye Community Federal Credit Union, chairman of First Baptist Church in Perry’s stewardship committee and the campaign and allocation

team for the Taylor County United Way.

In his application, Barton stated he wished to serve on the DMH board because: “My passion is to help people and small towns. My father, brother and both daughters work in the medical field, so I have an understanding of some of the issues facing the hospital. Also, having worked over 27 years at Foley Cellulose gives me a large network to influence.”

Asked to explain why his selection would benefit the DMH board, Barton said, “My knowledge attained through serving on the board at BCFCU, in addition to many years working for a large corporation, gives me insight to the challenges facing businesses today.”

As for his opinion on the strengths and weaknesses DMH, Barton said, “DMH has a beautiful physical plant, which in itself is a strength. I also believe that a very strong management staff is in place.”

• **Andrew Starr** currently serves as vice president and chief health operations officer for TMH. With more than 20 years of experience, Starr is a collaborative leader who has demonstrated operational and fiscal results in multiple complex healthcare systems. He is a graduate of State University of New York at Oswego and Xavier University where he earned a master of business administration and master’s in health services administration.

New board members were welcomed to DMH on June 24 for orientation and began their board service at the June 27 board meeting.

“DMH is fortunate to have the strong leadership and strategic vision of our board members as a foundation for success,” Faison-Clark said. “We appreciate the commitment of our new members and look forward to working together for the good of our hospital and our community.”

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the north 1/2 of Lot 9, all of Block 2 located in Quindale Subdivision. Contains 0.39 acres, more or less. Section 24 Township 04 Range 07. Taylor County, FL official record 635 page 136.

Name in which assessed: Bobbie Ann R O’Quinn. Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 17th day of July, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

Dated this 16th day of June, 2023. Signature: Gary Knowles Clerk of Circuit Court Taylor County, Florida

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED TDA 23-027

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that IDE Technologies, Inc., the holder of the following certificate, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of the property and the names in which the property was assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number 363 Year of Issuance 2021 Description of Property: Parcel Number R04060-000 Described as: Blair -Hinely Addition; Lots 2,3,4, of Block 1. Contains 0.40 acres, more or less. Section 24 Township 04 Range 07 - Taylor County, FL.

Name in which assessed: Emma Taylor Estate c/o Gertrude Palmer. Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 17th day of July, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

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Technologies, Inc., the holder of the following certificate, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of the property and the names in which the property was assessed are as follows:

Certificate Number 617 Year of Issuance 2021 Description of Property: Parcel Number R05493-000 Described as: JH Parker Subdivision; Lot 6 & South 1/2 Lot 5, of Block 6. Contains 0.39 acres, more or less. Section 26 Township 04 Range 07. Official record 211-414, 818-47 - Taylor County, FL.

Name in which assessed: 5T Wealth Partners, LP. Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described shall be sold to the highest bidder at the courthouse door on the 17th day of July, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REGISTER FICTITIOUS NAME TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, pursuant to the fictitious name statute, Chapter 20953 or Section 865.09, Florida of State, Corporation Division, Tallahassee, Florida, upon receipt of proof of publications of this notice the fictitious name, to-wit: Swift Creek Outfitters under which we/I will engage in business. I/we expect to engage in business in Perry, Florida and our address is: 122 Ridge Rd., Perry, Fla., 32348. The extent of ownership is Tanner K. Schwab 100%

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Taylor County, Florida will hold a Public Hearing on the passage of a Resolution for the setting of speed limit on certain roads in Keaton Beach. The Public Hearing shall be held at the County Commission Meeting Room, Taylor County Courthouse Annex, Old Post Office

Building in Perry, Florida at the regular meeting to be held on MONDAY, JULY 10, 2023, at 6:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as possible. The Resolution is for the setting of the speed limit of 25 mph on certain roads in Keaton Beach.

The proposed Resolution may be inspected by the public at the office of the Clerk of Court, located at the Taylor County Courthouse, Perry, Taylor County, Florida.

All members of the public are

welcome to attend. Notice is further hereby given, pursuant to Florida Statute 286.0105, that any person or persons deciding to appeal any matter considered at this Public Hearing will need a record of the hearing and may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

The Public Hearing may be

continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of the hearing shall be announced during the Public Hearing, and that no further notice concerning the matter will be published.

DATED this 28TH day of June, 2023, by GARY KNOWLES, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners of Taylor County, Florida.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:

L. H. Thomas, Inc. gives notice that on 8/01/2023 at 2:00 p.m. the following vehicle (s) may be sold by public sale at 125 East Park Street, Perry, Florida 32348 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage service charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78. 2D4RN3DGXBR628113 2011 DODGE

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