
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 1, 2008

Whitehead Center Conference Room

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Schroeder called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioners:

John Schroeder, Patricia O'Brien, Timothy Straub, Stephen Kenny, Charles Potter, Dorothy Walton-Luglan and Brenda Robinson

Hospital Staff:

Jim Tavary, Howard Saxton, Julie Petersen, Dawn Koch.

Public

Richard Welker, Dianne C. Jung, Charles St. Hilaire, Terry A. Marden, and Shelly Pontin.

II. MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner Robinson and passed by the Board to approve minutes of the March 27, 2008 Board Meeting as presented.

Motion was made by Commissioner Walton-Luglan, seconded by Commissioner Robinson and passed by the Board to approve minutes of the April 2, 2008 Board Meeting as presented.

Motion was made by Commissioner Potter, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien and passed by the Board to approve minutes of the April 16, 2008 Board Meeting as presented.

III. REPORTS

A. MEDICAL STAFF – DR. ROYDEN CHRISTENSEN

Currently approving staff and updating applications. There is a new hire with FWC that may begin rotations the end of May first of June. The Medical Staff wants to let the Board know that Prosser Memorial Hospital has their support.

B. FINANCE

Bad Debt / Charity Care / Vouchers / Personal Expense Claims

It was moved by Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Walton-Luglan, and passed by the Board to approve 180 bad debt accounts totaling \$78,526 and 73 charity care accounts totaling \$33,587.

Voucher Lists

It was moved by Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Robinson, and passed by the Board to approve payroll vouchers 36625 through 36848 and A/P vouchers 61888 through 62641, sum of the two types totaling \$ 2,652,638.05.

Personal Expense Claims

It was moved by Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Walton-Luglan, and passed by the Board to pay 26 pre-approved, budgeted travel personal expense claims in the amount of \$3,933.20.

Resolution 849, Surplus Property

It was moved by Commissioner Walton-Luglan, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, and passed by the Board to approve Resolution 849 for Surplus Property as presented.

B. CEO REPORT

The Board received the CEO report earlier in the week, the floor was opened to comment or questions; there were none.

C. PROFESSIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The majority of what was discussed at the committee meeting will be reiterated during this meeting. Commissioner Potter did not give a report.

D. CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Jim Tavary spoke on behalf of Fred Lamb, there have been several meetings and great things are happening on the campaign. There was not a financial update available for the Board at that time.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. TRANSITIONAL AND LONG TERM CARE PROPOSAL – JIM TAVARY

Mr. Tavary gave the same presentation that was made to the Board at the March Board Meeting; offering the opportunity to view the presentation to those who may not have been present last month and as a review for the Board.

The floor was opened for comment from the five people who had signed up to speak. Richard Welker was first to be given the opportunity to speak, Richard declined.

Dianne Jung was given the opportunity to speak next. Before the meeting Ms. Jung had distributed a letter to the members of the Board, which she read aloud.

Charles St. Hilaire was the next to speak, Mr. St. Hilaire's mother is a resident at PMH T<C, she had previously resided at an Eagle Healthcare facility. Since the transition, she has gained weight, her color is better, she is happy, they treat her as family. Mr. St. Hilaire offered the suggestion to issue a new bond once the current bond is paid off, the taxes would be lower than what is currently being paid by residents of Prosser due to the growth of the area. Mr. St. Hilaire referenced a petition that has been signed by community members in support of keeping the T<C unit as a part of the hospital.

Terry Marden spoke on the PMH facility, his mother was a resident from 2002 to 2004, he especially liked that if there were an issue, the Emergency Department was right down the hall. Mr. Marden feels that the community would support a new bond in support of maintaining the T<C unit as part of PMH.

Shelly Pontin presented to the Board a petition to keep the T<C facility under the operations of Prosser Memorial Hospital, she addressed several items that had been given as reasons both to and from the Board. Ms. Pontin spoke of the grandfather clauses PMH is currently under in many areas of the T<C. In regards to offering another bond to the voters she said that the Board may be surprised as to how many people would support this

over other items that have failed previously; people want the nursing home to remain in Prosser. Ms. Pontin has previously worked at Grandview Healthcare.

Commissioner Schroeder then addressed questions and comments of the public. Commissioner Schroeder highlighted the benefits and the reasons for the change, as well as what the committee reviewed and the research performed to get to the decision before them today.

Ray Carrillo, SEIU representative, questioned if there was a timeline for discussions with Eagle Healthcare, Inc. Commissioner Schroeder discussed generic timelines and reviewed the steps necessary to try to get a new building built within three to five years.

Commissioner O'Brien spoke on behalf of the Finance Committee; the committee recommends keeping the T<C under the operations of PMH until Eagle Healthcare has the new facility built and has acquired the 36 beds under negotiations with DSHS.

Motion was made by Commissioner Walton-Luglan, seconded by Commissioner Straub and by a vote of four in favor and three against, authorize Administration to enter into negotiations with Eagle Healthcare, Inc. to transition ownership of the District's 36 licensed nursing home beds. The primary characteristics of the agreement will be:

- To ensure that the 36 beds remain in Prosser to serve those needing general nursing and skilled nursing services. These services are to be provided in a setting located in the Prosser community as a component part of a senior living community, the type and extent of which is to be determined by Eagle Healthcare, Inc. after dialogue with the community and based on a community needs assessment.
- To ensure that Eagle Healthcare, Inc. commits to the formation and ongoing support of a community oversight committee. The function of the oversight committee will be to work directly with Eagle Healthcare, Inc., in an advisory capacity, to provide input and ideas associated with the design and development of a senior living community and to ensure the ongoing provision of quality health care serves indefinitely.
- To ensure an orderly and equitable transition of existing District employees, both direct and support employees, to Eagle healthcare, Inc.

B. SALE OF THE GRANDVIEW PROPERTY – JIM TAVARY

Mr. Tavary distributed the current proposal of sale on the Grandview Property located at 300 Division Street; Mr. Tavary reviewed the terms listed on the sale agreement.

Motion was made by Commissioner Walton-Luglan seconded by Commissioner Straub and passed by the Board to authorize the sale of the Building and it's contents located at 300 Division Street, Grandview, WA with the contingency that PMH attorney Howard Saxton reviews the terms of the sale, for the price of \$175,000.00 plus excise tax to TLA Investments, LLC.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. CAPITAL REQUEST

Steve Broussard gave a PowerPoint presentation on the parking lot and Road preservation project. Mr. Broussard showed pictures demonstrating the need for resealing the PMH lots. The project costs would come to \$11,375 for just the PMH lots and the VFM lot would come to \$2,795 for a project total of \$14,170.00. The floor was opened to questions from the Board.

Motion was made by Commissioner Walton-Luglan, seconded by Commissioner Robinson and passed by the Board to approve the parking lot sealing and finishing project as presented for the total price of \$14, 170.00.

The Board broke for a 5 minute break.

VI. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

The floor was opened for two minutes a person to discuss items other than T<C.

Mr. Terry Marden spoke of his mothers care while at PMH and that items had just been brought to his attention regarding her death. Commissioner Schroeder let Mr. Marden know that his concerns, due to HIPPA regulations, were not something that could be discussed in this setting. Commissioner Schroeder let Mr. Marden know that our Risk Manager, Susan Flory, was currently out of town, but would bring his concerns to her attention and have her contact him shortly after her return.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board adjourned to executive session at 9:24 p.m. to discuss CEO Evaluation, and Strategic Planning, it is estimated they will be in session for one hour. It is possible action will be taken upon return into regular session. RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) & (c).

The Board returned to regular session at 10:05 p.m.

After reconvening to regular session, the Board took the following action:

Motion was made by Commissioner Walton-Luglan, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien and passed by the Board to approve the CEO evaluation as presented.

Motion was made by Commissioner Walton-Luglan, seconded by Commissioner Potter and passed by the Board to unanimously approve Resolution 850 for an increase of 5% to Mr. Tavery's salary.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

IX. FUTURE MEETING DATES

May 29, 2008

June 26, 2008

John Schroeder, Commissioner
President of the Board

Charles Potter, Commissioner
Secretary of the Board