GRAYS HARBOR PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 2
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
August 28, 2018

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT
Michael Bruce, District 2
Miles Longenbaugh, District 3
Melanie Sturgeon, At Large 2
Robert Torgerson, At Large 1
Becky Walsh, District 5
Maryann Welch, District 1

OTHERS PRESENT
Niall Foley, Executive Director Finance
Tom Jensen, CEO, GHCH
Teresa Ramirez, Executive Assistant

Members of the Public

ABSENT
Andrew Bickar, District 4

CALL TO ORDER

President Welch called the meeting to order at 2:15 pm.

Absences
Commissioner Bickar provided notice that he would not be in attendance during today's meeting.

Action: A motion was made by Commissioner Torgerson, seconded by Commissioner Walsh, and unanimously carried to approve Commissioner Bickar's absence.

Public Comment – Agenda Topics
President Welch opened the meeting to members of the public for comment regarding topics listed on the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Submitted under the Consent Agenda were:

- District Board Minutes; July 24, 2018
- July Checks/Warrants; $935,614.99

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Sturgeon, seconded by Commissioner Walsh, and unanimously carried to approve the District Board Minutes; July 24, 2018.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Walsh, seconded by Commissioner Torgerson, and unanimously carried to approve the July Checks/Warrants.

COMMITTEE / CHAIRMAN REPORTS

Board Finance

Policies & Resolution
Submitted for Board approval was policy A326 Cash Collection Policy.
Submitted for Board approval was policy A113 Public Records Request.
Submitted for approval was Resolution 2018-05 Appointing Deputy Auditors.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Torgerson, seconded by Commissioner Bruce and unanimously carried to approve Policies A325 and A113, as well as

Resolution 2018-05 Appointing Deputy Auditors.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Montesano

President Welch brought forward that Mayor Vini Samuels emailed the PHD #2 Commissioners, and called Commissioners Walsh and Sturgeon, indicating that the City of Montesano wants to be de-annexed and removed from the territory of PHD #2. Furthermore, the City of Montesano wishes to partner with PHD #1 to build a clinic in Montesano and to start a residency program, in order to meet community need and to address the shortage of doctors. The City of Montesano would like the PHD #2 Board to pass a resolution allowing the City of Montesano's request. Mayor Samuels wants to hear from the Board by the end of September.

Commissioner Walsh indicated that Mayor Samuels stated that the Montesano City Council will be presented with a resolution and that if the PHD #2 Board did not pass their own resolution allowing the City to de-annex, it would force the City to go to a public vote, and would make the PHD #2 Board look poorly in the community. President Welch left a voicemail for Mayor Samuels, requesting a meeting.

There has been no mention of this topic since 2016, when a conversation was perhaps held between Larry Kahl, previous COO, and members of the City. Neither Mr. Jensen nor President Welch have been approached by the City or PHD #1, prior to receiving the email from Mayor Samuels. President Welch indicated that both she and Mr. Jensen have participated in meetings with both the CEO and Board Chair of Summit Pacific, and the topics of de-annexation and a residency program were never raised during those meetings.

There is currently one physician and one nurse practitioner practicing in the Montesano Clinic, with another nurse practitioner to join the clinic in October. In addition Dr. Clara and Ki Shin have a private practice in Montesano that includes a nurse practitioner. Mr. Jensen indicated that HPSA usually defines 1500 patients to one provider as optimal. There are approximately 4,000 citizens in Montesano. President Welch requested that Mr. Jensen provide the Board with information from HPSA on provider shortages.

Concern was raised not only about tax revenue being removed from District #2, but also the negative impact of drawing patients away from the hospital, when diligent efforts have been made to increase volumes.

It was agreed that the citizens of the District need to be given the opportunity to vote on the de-annexation, rather than a limited few on the Board passing a resolution.

Resolution

Submitted for Board approval was Resolution 2018-06 GH County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Walsh and seconded by Commissioner Longenbaugh.

Commissioner Bruce inquired about specific responsibilities of GHCH. Commissioner Torgerson brought forward that the mitigation plan is simply identifying issues of risk, rather than outlining disaster planning responsibilities. Originally, municipalities were supposed to develop their own mitigation plan; however, it was agreed that it made more sense for the municipalities to come together under one umbrella to adopt the same plan.

The motion and second were unanimously carried to approve Resolution 2018-06 GH County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Public Comment – General
President Welch opened the meeting to members of the public for comment.

John Warring; Mr. Warring introduced himself as Chief Shop Steward for UFCW Local 21 for non-nursing hospital employees. Mr. Warring brought forward that the UFCW strongly opposes any action that removes any part of our district out of the district. When boundaries were being drawn up in the beginning, a decision was deliberately made to keep Montesano within the boundaries of PHD #2. Employees have been hammered by lay-offs over the last six to nine months, are working under HC/low census time, and are not working a full 40-hour week. HMG clinics funnel a considerable amount of patients and work to the hospital. Anything that adversely affects the workload or finances of the hospital should be rejected. Once we become better established financially, the hospital should consider building more clinics. There are other areas far more underserved than Montesano, such as Ocean Shores. Giving up Montesano is nothing but skimming the cream. Mr. Warring stated that he preferred not to have the Union spend money fighting a referendum but if need be, the Union will do so. The Union supported the hospital in becoming a PHD and is committed to doing everything it can to keep this hospital going, as patients needs us.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:46p.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th day of September, 2018.

ATTEST:

Teresa Ramirez
Recording Secretary

Commissioner Becky Walsh
on behalf of Robert Torgerson, Secretary