

# Garfield County Public Hospital District No. 1

## Board of Commissioners

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**Special Meeting: Tuesday, September 12, 2017**

**Attending:** Cindy Wolf, Ray Hoffman, Chris Herres, Gary Houser

**Not Attending:** Jenness Evanson, Excused

**Public Attending:** Brenda Parnell via telephone, Marni Herres, Stacy Linscott, Ian Quarles, Lacey Gingerich, Ken Moyer, Sharon Fenton, Justin Dixon, Kris Darby, Patti Weaver, Ashley Dixon, Sarah Meyers, Wayne Davis, Cathy Herres, Diane Burgess, Butch Burgess, Marcia Baden, Katherine Dale, Shannon Harrison, Kerri Sandaine, Tammy Bragg

**Meeting Called to Order at:** 9:03 a.m.

#### **Discussion of Board Resignation:**

Ray Hoffman stated that he is resigning his position as Board of Commissioner #4 as of today due to health issues. Ray will be moving out of the area and has sold his home and property.

*Motion was made to accept Ray Hoffman's resignation as of 09/12/17.*

*Moved by: Gary Houser & Seconded by: Chris Herres*

*Motion approved & passed by vote*

#### **Discussion to fill Vacant Board of Commissioner Seat:**

Cindy Wolf stated that if anyone is interested in filling the Board of Commissioner Open Position #4, to please send a letter of interest to [commissionerapplication@pomeroymd.com](mailto:commissionerapplication@pomeroymd.com) or give your name at this meeting. This will be forwarded to the Board Secretary for consideration by the full Board of Commissioners. There was a question if the candidates who are running could fill the open position. Brenda Parnell stated that this was asked during a webinar with the Association of Washington Public Hospital Districts (AWPHD). There are regulatory requirements prohibiting this as there could be a write in on the ballot and it could look like the hospital is trying to choose one candidate over the other. Those who are interested will be discussed at the next regular meeting held on 09/27/17 and a Special meeting will be held to appoint a candidate for the open Board position. This position is only until 12/31/17, as the newly elected candidate will take over. There was a question on whether this process was followed for the last open position. The process was explained. According to the Governing Board Bylaws, any open position is filled by the Board of Commissioners. This is not required to be open to public. In the past, the Board of Commissioner went out to find replacements. This time, they are

opening the position for public interest. There was a question on how long did the Board look for Matt's replacement. Gary Houser stated that Matt had approached him and they had discussed this on several occasions. Gary did agree to fill the position.

**Discuss Fair Representation & Levy Materials:**

Cindy stated that Board presence is requested to cover the cabin at the Fair. Brenda is working to get the Levy materials ready. A doodle poll will be sent to all Board members to sign up for a shift at the barn. Brenda stated that Dr. Park will be at the Fair Cabin on Friday from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Cindy wanted to firm up some dates for upcoming Open Public Meetings to discuss the Levy. This will include a date to visit at the Senior Center.

**State of the State Special Community Meeting on 09/25/17:**

A State of the State Special Community meeting will be held on 09/25/17. This will be held to discuss the levy. If community have questions they can submit them prior to the meeting.

**Public Comment:**

Justin Dixon, County Commissioner, asked for further clarification on the regulation prohibiting candidate from filling open positions. This has been done in the past and recently on the school board. Brenda will look up the regulations and get them to Justin. This was asked and discussed during the AWPHD Webinar held this last Spring. The webinar was recorded and she will look to find out the exact regulations.

There was also another question about putting community members on the board as non-voting community representatives. This could be allowed for sub-committees. This could possibly be done on a volunteer basis.

Brenda suggested that if there are questions regarding Public Hospital District Boards to reference the legal manual on the AWPHD's website. There is also another publication called the Do's and Don'ts of Board. Marni will get copies for all the Board members and will have the link for any community member who is interested.

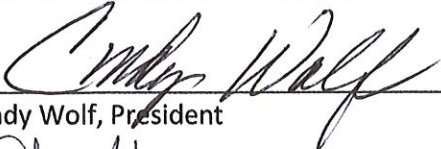
Chris Herres reminded everyone that you do not have to be on the ballot to run for one of the Board of Commissioner seat. You can run as a write in.

There was one last question – does the Board already have someone in mind for the open position. There are a few names that are being considered, but would like to know if there are any other community members interested. This will be discussed at the next regular Board meeting.

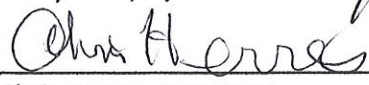
**Meeting was adjourned at:** 9:37 a.m.

**Executive Session was called to order at:** 9:45 a.m. Executive Session will be for one hour.

**Executive Session adjourned at: 10:45 a.m.**



Cindy Wolf, President



Chris Herres, Secretary



Jenness Evanson, Commissioner



Gary Houser, Commissioner

Vacant, Commissioner