

Garfield County Public Hospital District No. 1

Board of Commissioners

Special Meeting: Monday, November 13, 2017

Attending: Cindy Wolf, Chris Herres, Jenness Evanson

Excused: Gary Houser

Staff Attending: Brenda Parnell, Marni Herres, Stacy Linscott, Jayd Keener, Ian Quarles, Jacob Scoles

Public Attending: Tammi Bragg, Butch Burgess, Diane Burgess, Jen Dixon, Steven Cannon, Sheila Labelle, Shawn Niles, Kerri Sandaine, Greg Vendeland, Nick Vendeland, C. Tom Millspaugh, Ashley Kinney

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:03 p.m.

Conflict of Interest Statement: None Noted

New Business:

The purpose of this meeting is for:

- Reviewing the 2018 Budget
- Reviewing the 2018 Budget Resolution #17-05.
- Conducting an executive session, if needed. (Executive Session: RCW 42.30.110 (g) to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to renew the performance of a public employee and to discuss quality.

The Board of Commissioners reviewed the 2018 Budget Packet for GCPHD Board of Commissioners as of 11/13/2017. The Finance Committee has reviewed the budget. This budget will work to continue services in the clinic, elder care and emergency services. The Hospital will get \$201,000 in levy money this year. The hospital will continue to work with the Accountable Communities of Health (ACH) and Washington Rural Health Access Preservation (WRHAP) group. The budget does not include some new services (Speech Therapy and Occupational Therapy) that we will be offering as there is no way to determine utilization. The budget remains to have funded and unfunded positions. Brenda stated that the hospital has been notified by Medicare that we will have a 4% penalty for not meeting meaningful use. A new payroll system will be implemented on January 1, 2018. There was an all staff meeting held today that had good discussion. Managers and staff will look for areas to save money. If we find other cuts, a budget modification will be presented. There is \$10,000 built into the budget for capital purchase. This is not much, but is needed.

Motion was made to approve the budget as presented.

Moved by: Chris Herres & Seconded by: Jenness Evanson

Motion approved & passed by vote

The Board of Commissioners reviewed the 2018 Budget Resolution 17-05. Cindy Wolf read the 2018 Budget Resolution 17-05 aloud to the group.

Motion was made to approve the 2018 Budget Resolution 17-05 as presented.

Moved by: Chris Herres & Seconded by: Jenness Evanson

Motion approved & passed by vote

Public Comment:

- Jen Dixon– asked about the 4% penalty from Medicare. This was from 2016. Jen asked if we have implemented electronic reporting. Brenda will have to check with our IT department and get back to her.
- Steven Cannon– asked about the proposed budget and the proposed cut in staffing costs. Brenda stated that in order to explain she would have to go into personnel issues. There is a new staffing plan that will be implemented soon and should save over \$500,000 with no loss of jobs.


The Board adjourns into Executive Session at 6:22 p.m. There will be a short break.

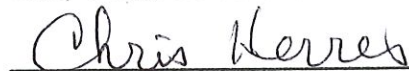
Executive Session was called to order at: 6:30 p.m. (All public and staff left the meeting, the Board asked Brenda Parnell to stay in Executive Session. Executive Session will be for 1 hour.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. and extended Executive Session for one more hour.

Executive Session adjourned at: 8:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at: 8:00 p.m.


Cindy Wolf, President


Chris Herres, Secretary


Jenness Evanson, Commissioner


Gary Houser, Commissioner

Vacant, Commissioner