

Sublette County Rural Health Care District
Board of Trustees
Special Meeting
January 5, 2018

Venue: Lovatt Room, Pinedale Library, Pinedale, WY

Trustees Present:

Scott Scherbel Chairman
Laura Clark, Vice-Chairman
John Godfrey, Secretary/Treasurer
Chuck Bacheller, Trustee
Wendy Boman, Trustee

Call to Order:

Mr. Scherbel called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Site Decision:

Mr. Scherbel gave a brief summary of the methodology used by the board regarding the site selection analysis provided by the design engineering team from Sletten/Plan One. Mr. Scherbel asked if anyone had any comments regarding any of the three particular sites.

Maxine Leckie asked what the board doesn't know about any of the sites and suggested that they should eliminate Site #3 because it is in a residential area. Mr. Scherbel replied that the board has not been able to look at everything on each site.

Tim Lingle recommended either Site #1 or Site #2 because they are outside of residential areas.

David Kappenman recommended Site #2 because of the road frontage to show off the new hospital.

Chauncey Goodrich stated that Site #2 was a good investment.

Kelly Ravner suggested Site #2 because it is front and center and the speed limit is slower for a left hand turn if coming from the West.

Vicky Marshall asked the board to consider long term development for whichever site they chose.

Tim Lingle thanked the Board for getting us here and putting it "in the end zone."

Mr. Scherbel then polled the board members:

Mr. Scherbel – If residential area was built up around the hospital, that would be okay. But putting it in an already residential area, is not okay. He has some industrial zoning concerns on Site #2. So, **Site #1** is his choice.

Ms. Clark – Redstone property is probably not the place for the hospital right now, although she does like the ability to live close to the hospital. She likes the size and amenities close to Site #2, but is concerned about the wetlands, traffic of Hwy 191, and the industry. Mr. Harbor is a great supporter of the hospital and seems willing to do whatever it takes to get a hospital. Her choice is **Site #1**

Mr. Godfrey – Chooses Site #2 because a community is judged on its attributes. Frontage for those to see the beautiful community is important. A hospital is an economic driver for people to relocate to Sublette County. He feels **Site #2** is the best for expansion.

Ms. Boman – Site #1 could cause atrocious traffic problems in the future. She agrees with the other board members regarding Site #3. The wetlands issue doesn't bother her and states the cost to develop **Site #2** is less, so this is her choice.

Mr. Bacheller – Agrees with everyone on Site #3. Wetlands and limited inpatient views on Site #2 concern him. Site #1 allows the District to obtain additional property as a possible donation and will be a wise investment for the future as property values increase. So, he chooses **Site #1**.

Mr. Godfrey made a motion to select Site #1 for the Critical Access Hospital. Mr. Bacheller seconded the motion. All 'ayes' with the exception of Ms. Boman voting 'nay'. Motion carried.

Clinic Attached to the Hospital Decision:

Mr. Scherbel explained the discussion with the design team regarding long term benefits, efficiencies, and maintenance cost of a clinic attachment versus the cost of construction, which would be approximately \$1.6 million. Comments were taken from the public and board members; all agreeing that the clinic should be attached to the hospital. Ms. Clark made a motion to approve to incorporate a clinic within the critical access hospital. Mr. Godfrey seconded the motion. All' ayes'; motion carried.

EMS Facility Move to CAH Site Decision:

Mr. Scherbel explained that the Sletten Construction team stated that moving the EMS barn may be a budget breaker at a cost of approximately \$1.7 million. He stated that the EMTs have been excellent in clinic assists and are a great asset to the emergency department.

Mr. Kluck stated that if the EMS barn is not moved, the District will lose those efficiencies, but EMS will continue to help wherever they can. Mr. Scherbel put the discussion out to the public.

Bob Jones asked the Board to table this discussion until the County has been consulted regarding the availability of continued use of the current facilities.

Scott Aldridge asked if there were any additional costs by not having EMS located at the hospital. The answer was, no.

Matt Brady stated that if EMS is located next to the hospital, assistance would be seconds away rather than minutes.

Tim Lingle asked if the reimbursement would be higher if EMS was moved to the hospital. The District's EMS would be cost based reimbursement at either location.

Michelle Overgaag asked if the Board knew what the rent to the County would be with vacating the current Pinedale Clinic. Ms. Clark stated that this conversation has not taken place yet. She had requested a meeting with Andy Nelson but was told that the Commissioners are not interested in that conversation yet. The entire \$100,000 rent was included in the forecasted examination for the next 5 years.

Kelly Ravner suggested that the movement of the EMS barn should be put in the Master Plan but not included in this project since it is not in the construction budget.

Scott Aldridge also suggested that it should be included in the future design if not in the current design.

Maxine Leckie suggested that the decision be put off to the future.

Mr. Scherbel stated that the time table doesn't allow for this decision to be deferred. If the construction budget comes in under that stated price, it should be included.

Ms. Boman suggested that the on-duty crew be located in the hospital and the backup crew stay in the current EMS barn.

Ms. Clark stated that she is in favor of adding a new EMS barn to construction. She loves the fact that all employees are working as a team and would like to challenge the design team to somehow meet or come close to budget with this addition. Construction costs always go up in the future.

Mr. Bacheller stated that if it isn't in the budget, it isn't in the budget.

Mr. Godfrey made a motion to instruct Sletten/Plan One team to proceed with construction plans of an ambulance barn with the proviso that if the budget comes in under, the EMS barn will be built.

Mr. Scherbel agreed with Ms. Clark that it should be included in the construction costs, then see where the budget comes in and possibly make it the first cut if necessary.

Mr. Godfrey withdrew his motion and made a new motion to include the EMS barn in construction subject to future budget considerations. Ms. Clark seconded the motion. All 'ayes'; motion carried.

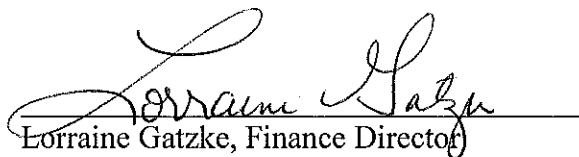
Adjournment:

Ms. Clark made a motion to adjourn at 7:35 pm. Mr. Bacheller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Minutes taken by Lorraine Gatzke



Scott Scherbel, Chairman



Lorraine Gatzke, Finance Director