

Sublette County Rural Health Care District  
Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting  
February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Venue:** Marbleton Town Hall Room 102, Marbleton, WY

**Trustees Present:**

Wendy Boman, Chairman  
Bill Johnson, Vice-Chairman  
Tonia Hoffman, Secretary/Treasurer  
Mike Pompy, Trustee  
Marti Seipp, Trustee – Via phone

**Call to Order:**

Ms. Boman called the meeting to order at 8:30am.

Ms. Boman stated that she was in a meeting yesterday with Dr. Burnette, Patty Racich, and Nick Heely was on the phone, they discussed the MOU which is being developed and hadn't been done yet. Some of the talking points we were wanting to make sure that the MOU was as binding as a contract, which it is. She went on to say, what was being brought forward was developing a Hospital District Board, which would have to go to the voters this fall, which would enable us to get 3 mils instead of 2 mils and it would dissolve both boards and there would be a reelection for board members at that point. She asked the group about 7 members, but it can't be done until after the District is developed. We would not collect 3 mils until the following August and the boards will continue until January first when the Hospital District's Board would then take over. This is something that we need to discuss. The MOU came out yesterday afternoon and sent to Clay last night. Clay has reviewed it and made notations through it and is dropping a copy of it at the clinic this morning and I will try to get it out as I can. So, there were a few hiccups that were identified. First Hospital vs Rural Health Care Board. That was in place a few years ago, however it was not a Hospital District Board it was a Hospital Board that was the County Commissioners and they changed and made it into the Rural Health Care District, because prior to that we were getting money out of their mils.

Mr. Pompey added, whatever the Commissioners decided on how much they wanted to give and that was why the Rural Health Care Board District was started because the County Commissioners at that time would not provide the moneys to keep the clinics open and provide the services necessary, and became a public entity to itself where we had control over things and we didn't have to go ask for any money.

Ms. Boman stated as a Hospital District Board we would receive 3 mils and could go up to 6 but it has to go to a vote and additional tax to anyone would not be very popular. She is concerned about industry because they pay 90-95% of our taxes so that is a huge hit for them. She checked with the Assessor and on a \$200,000 house the tax would go up \$19/year on a \$500,000 it would be \$47.50/year.

Ms. Boman said the other thing is in the discussion with Dr. Burnette he wants the Commissioners to hold onto the Marbleton Clinic, she feels that we need both Clinics and would be discussed on Monday.

Sharon Rutsch asked if the County Commissioners held onto the Marbleton clinic then how would they

fund it.

Ms. Boman said that Dr. Burnette made a comment that it would be until just after the election but everything will stay the same. She is unsure of the reasoning behind this.

Mrs. Seipp asked if we were still planning on tearing down the Pinedale Clinic.

Ms. Boman clarified that that is not in the MOU.

Dave stated that that is ahead of us, that is not in the discussion that we had.

Ms. Boman said that in the MOU we are going to go ahead and purchase the land which would amount to \$3 million which is going to be split between the town commissioners and us. We would like to submit the USDA application right now because the interest rate is at 2.5% so if we could lock that number in that would be ideal. However, this is so preliminary and needs to go to the Sublette Center Board and the Commissioners. Dr. Burnette is in no rush for us to submit our application until after the election but she personally feels that we need to submit as soon as we can. Dave and herself were talking about possibly going to Casper to talk to Lorraine Werner at some point. She stated that they talked about everybody's contracts and to ensure that there is something in the MOU that ensures that those contracts will continue one. It was discussed that the Sublette Center Board needs to have some autonomy because they need to be able to collect money from aspen grove because as a Hospital District, we would be unable to do that. It was not exactly clear as to why we would be unable to do so.

Dave said that the independent living issue needs to be investigated further, he thinks that it needs to be all one. He thinks that the SCRHCD needs to create an MOU and realistically the Commissioners hold the cards. We need to go back to them and see, what if we move ahead? We need to know what they want to do if we do decide to move ahead the risk of the election is high. He asked Joan Mitchell the chances of us getting everything passed.

Joan Mitchell said that she thinks that it will pass.

Dave said but he thinks right now we need to keep options open and look at both avenues.

Wendy Boman said that we don't have to agree to everything and we will see what clay has to say about it.

Bill Johnson stated that we have to have our version included but it is a start.

Wendy Boman stated that we agreed by phone that nick would write it up and send it to us and either we would agree or not agree to certain points.

Joan Mitchell asked why the independent living can't be a part of this whole thing, in her mind everyone goes all in to make this work. She stated that the independent living here is owned by a joint powers board not County Commissioners and no one in the healthcare business takes money from that.

Wendy Boman and Bill Johnson agree that we would like to see that but it is a several step process.

Dave would like to have Aspen Grove as part of the Hospital District but there might be some legal issues behind it. Can a public entity run independent living or is it competition with private enterprise?

Joan Mitchell mentioned that they get taxed on it now, when they first built it was not the case.

Dave said that there are a lot of options that need to be looked at but Dave agrees that everything has to put everything in.

Clay did say that there was something in there about giving us both clinics because Wendy Boman really pushed that.

Tonia Hoffman agreed that it was really important to keep everything together as well.

Wendy Boman had a question stating, "what if this vote doesn't pass and there really was no answer for that?" She went on to say that they would continue to be as they are now but as far as anything else going forward. They did discuss a management type agreement with someone, the board would prefer an affiliation but not a management agreement. They will send out RFI's (request for information) to see who would want to work with us on that. She thinks that our sticking points are the Marbleton Clinic and getting our application submitted.

Bill Johnson can see the concern of the two boards that we presently have, an ideal number would be seven, he can see that the seven board, us so to speak, with 2-3 of the Sublette Center people on it would be an ideal situation and then maybe a sub-board of just 3 that run the overall operation of the Sublette Center or the events. Things that they think they are better at than us, I know they have a list of that. as far as creating this voting situation he is not comfortable with the fact we have to ask people for more money he just doesn't see it. One more mil doesn't sound like much but we can actually double that sometime in the future to go from 3-6 and 1 mil is about 2 million dollars for us. If we can't build this hospital and run it efficiently without thinking we have to have that other 2 million I think that we're cutting it too close. We should be able to run a hospital; our projections are good we are losing hardly any money compared to years past. If this is the stopper and in other words the Commissioners and Sublette Center say that we won't do this unless we go to a Hospital District then that is a compromised deal I don't see where it is a stopper but if we are doing this because we need the money, we have to do like what we want the government to do and cut cost and keep things efficient. If in the future we have a 2-million-dollar short fall then maybe we can approach the idea then. Personally, he knows he was elected on the idea that he was conservative and never spoke about a tax increase and it is ridiculous and there is another hit of some kind every time you turn around.

Tonia asked why do we have to do both? Can we form the Hospital District and ask for the other mil later?

Wendy Boman confirmed that they do have to go together, the district would start at 3 mils

Bill Johnson doesn't want the public to be worried about us going to 6 mil

But the crowd confirmed it has to go to a vote

Mike Pompey said that the SCRHD's financial report says tat we can take care of the loan as we are, all we are trying to do is to assist the Sublette Center to provide new facilities that would hopefully attract more people with a memory unit etc. we are not asking for a Hospital District, why, he does not understand but for some reason they feel that they need to wipe out the RHCD, yes it raises the levy by 1 mil and a new board needs to be elected. His feeling is this board has been extremely dedicated in

cleaning up the medical healthcare in Sublette County so we have reached out and said that we will gladly get together with you to have a full healthcare system in the county. He doesn't see any reason for the Hospital District other than the Sublette Center.

Wendy Boman asked Mike Pompey what his compromise would be then?

Mike Pompey stated that his compromise would be that we stay as we are and they can join us, and we can do it. It has been shown that we can handle both and if they want people on the board there are 2 seats coming up this year, let them run but we have never indicated anything but full total support of the Sublette Center and trying to even make it better by providing new facilities and working with the County Commissioners.

The commissioners, towns are happy, we have cleaned up, saved money, we are bringing people back, but I am sorry what we have now is perfectly good but someone wants the Hospital District instead and everyone is jumping on the bandwagon, but if it doesn't work then the Sublette Center will have to decide from there. He also thinks that there shouldn't be more than 5 dedicated people on the board. The goal is to make Sublette County health care better for the long-term future. No one has had a vision more than 5 years into the future but we want to make sure the health care system is viable to make it in 20-30 years.

Tonia Hoffman stated that we have an end goal and we all agree on that, that includes a vision with the Sublette Center (SC) on board and the biggest hang up is them feeling like they retain their voice in this process. So, if the compromise is that we form this district for them to retain their voice and move ahead and reach our end goal she doesn't see the hang up there.

Mike Pompey stated that the SC doesn't retain their voice, the only way they retain their voice is if they get people elected on the Hospital District Board.

Tonia Hoffman replied which will be up to them to campaign and give them the opportunity to retain that voice.

Mike Pompey went onto say the thing that bothers me about these boards, every time the board changes you get people with their own agenda. This thing needs to be written in stone so things cannot be changed by another board. Frankly the MOU should address all of that so all boards that come on after two years and have to vote to accept the MOU.

Wendy Boman said that she thinks that we can have something written into that MOU so it doesn't have to be changed every 2 years or however often we have an election.

Mike Pompey said the problem you run into is that any board can make up their mind on what they want to do.

Bill Johnson agreed and wishes that it could stay like it is, if this is the sticking point then he is for the Hospital District, 5 is an ideal number, but 7 might be ideal.

Mike Pompey added that some districts/boards allocate different portions of their district to different representations. Could have reps from the Boulder district, the Big Piney district, etc.

Tonia Hoffman went on to ask if we retained a RHCD and just add 2 board members to be elected in November and allow the Sublette Center to run for those positions.

Joan Mitchell stated that there are 7 on their boards.

Sharon Rutsch clarified that the SC board will go away, RHCD board will go away and the MOU will go away with that once the Hospital District is formed. The future Hospital Board will be bound and decided for whatever is decided for that hospital boards.

Mike Pompey stated that the MOU on operations each new board would have to move to approve the old MOU. To ensure that the board has an equal responsibility to all of it and you don't want to take a new board to have someone change everything to it.

Sharon Rutsch clarified that the new elected members of the board are given this pot of assets so they run it, it wouldn't be any more weight given, it's the boards responsibility to take care of all of these assets and deal with them appropriately. It is a great opportunity to say, okay, we are putting all eggs in the basket and we are striving to keep healthcare regardless to what entity it was in the past.

Mike Pompey said he was trying to find a way to ensure that happens instead of others saying they need more money here and less money here, and someone coming in with special interest to make a negative effect.

Sharon Rutsch said that everyone is going to have a chance to run and there is less of a chance for a special interest board, regardless of who gets voted in they are responsible for the group of assets.

Wendy Boman asked Dave if he had any input.

Dave stated going into this process we need to have out ideas of what goes into this MOU so we are ready. And it is a good idea to look at options, what if? The what if will happen if the Hospital District does not pass. He feels that these are some things that they need to know going forward and he is with bill, he thinks going through this process and making it work it is great but there is a lot of risk involved. We are losing time obviously but the result could have been good. He was disappointed in the SC board he felt like we were dealing with them honestly and fairly but they did what they did so we need to keep our options opening going into this and we need to negotiate hard to get the things in the MOU that we want in the MOU.

Wendy Boman stated that Clay didn't see anything glaringly obvious that would be problematic as of last night.

Tonia Hoffman asked if anyone could explain what the major legal organizational differences are between a RHCD and a Hospital District (HD)?

Dave said legally it goes back to the issue that we couldn't buy a nursing home as a RHCD, but in the HD statues it says that we can own a nursing home. The statues are both similar, the biggest difference is the mil levy but structurally it is pretty much the same with all the same rules but public board.

Tonia Hoffman said all the research she did showed that there will little differences and it might be a benefit to us, so she does not see a lot of hang ups.

Luanne Heydt asked about the increase in cost with the hospital, the increase in revenue but because of staffing etc. there will be an increase in cost. That is one issue that has a lot of people concerned, the

only thing that concerns her (speaking from south county) but what we are still dealing with is lack of education, the 24-hour service and she feels the extra mil would be beneficial futuristically. The extra mil would be awesome, to her it is great because it is for healthcare. South County is in decline but trying to get this passed down here might work, just a change of thinking might need to happen.

Dave agreed that the extra mil would make everything look really great for the application, our projections etc. it would be a solid project.

Sam Bixler asked that they will give the Pinedale Clinic into that basket but not Marbleton Clinic?

Wendy Boman clarified that that had to go before the commissioner's board but that is Dr. Burnett's proposal

The entire group agreed that it has to be all or nothing.

Bill Johnson stated it was a bargaining chip, in years past the commissioners did not want to give up the Pinedale Clinic because they did not like how the clinics were being ran, but that doesn't seem to be a problem anymore, but in his mind the Marbleton Clinic is "well we want you to do this, and then we will do this...."

Mike Pompey went onto say that this is Dr. Burnette's opinion as 1 commissioner, some commissioners agree that it should go all in. Their job is road and bridges, not health care.

Luanne Heydt asked if Wendy Boman thought that the oil and gas would be supportive of this.

Wendy Boman said that she was not sure because it was going to cost them some money, she has her doubts.

Bill Johnson said natural gas was \$1.79 and it needs to be up to \$3.50 to make any money and it is staying this way in the foreseeable future. In Texas they can't flare anymore, so now they have to send everything down the pipelines and the pipeline is charging them money instead of the other way around and this could go on for 2-3 years or more.

Tonia Hoffman said something we can't take lightly, and we need to do our research.

Wendy Boman said that there are a lot of folks that work in industry companies that work for these companies are going to vote no just because, of gas prices.

Luanne Heydt said we will just support whatever you guys decide and go from there.

Bill Johnson then said, "What if we worded it this way, we go into this thing asking for a HD and yes we can raise the mil levy and the commissioners will throw in all the buildings. and half the money will be going to the Marbleton Clinic? Why can't we say that half of the money will go to the Marbleton clinic? Why can't we say that, you know it is going to cost a lot of money for 24-hour coverage, if you knew we had a million dollars to go over there that is a start"

Dave said the only point that he can say to that is that the 3-mil levy money could end up being the same amount of the 2 mils that we get right now. If the valuation of the county continues to go down it could just gain back what we lose.

Bill Johnson thought it would help with the voters if we stated where the additional mil levy would go to.

Wendy Boman agreed with the mil valuation Dave stated.

Joan Mitchell asked if Bill Johnson thought that south county would vote no.

Bill Johnson thinks typical people will vote no and the very large business people like us will vote yes but we aren't sure if we are the majority.

It was agreed as a whole that it will take a lot of advocacy and education on our parts.

Marti Seipp asked if this thing flies and we have 3 mils, are we are going to borrow money to build the facilities, and if yes do we have a ballpark number with how much?

Wendy Boman said yes we would still apply, and as for knowing how much, no because we are going to do some fundraisers, the foundation is going to do some fundraisers and some donations were made and are, she believes, are earmarked for the hospital and it is up to us to do some fundraising so we have some skin in the game. We have 12 million in reserves but that doesn't mean we are going to spend it all.

Marti asked if we build the whole facility, we were talking about 43 million for the nursing home and the hospital. She was wondering how long it would take to raise that at 3 mils.

Wendy stated that 1 mil is equivalent to about 2 million give or take.

Marti asked if we would be using that money to retire the debt instead of using it for construction?

Wendy stated that our debt is pretty much paid every month for the most part.

Marti went onto say she was thinking about building the facility and what we are actually going to build and how we are going to finance it.

Dave clarified that the way we are planning to borrow the money won't change. Adding the additional mil our debt to service ratio will go up.

Marti said that that makes sense and that we are going forward as planned, as far as the money and financing and what we want to do and use the mil levy to help retire it.

Dave said Yes

Sam Bixler asked if it is in any way possible to break ground this summer?

Wendy said that we hope so.

Bill Johnson said absolutely.

Sam Bixler replied awesome so, if we give that up, we have a lot more time to negotiate and get this all

squared away. It seems like either you move forward with or without the SC and pump the breaks a little bit and give us a lot more time. There are costs and benefits to both options and he just doesn't know.

Wendy Boman said you know in the MOU we all agreed on the fact that we should purchase the property as soon as possible and we are waiting on the town to finish their surveys.

Bill Johnson asked Sam, what is wrong with going ahead with the election deal but still starting building this summer? If we could do the groundwork and get the cement and metal up, it makes it good for winter work. So, when it boils down to the election this November you get this 5-7-person board or you don't one way or the other, still life goes on...why don't we get the project going and see who is going to run it in November?

Sam Bixler said that he agrees with that and this who HD thing seems to be a whole wrinkle thrown at us at the last minute. He says that it seems to be all about ego (he has said this vocally in the past) and it has interfered with the project for 6 years. Everyone has had their ego get in the way.

Bill Johnson said there are no egos on this board.

Sam Bixler went onto say that you guys have been doing very well with being transparent and making honest offers to the county and the SC. It is just frustrating from his perspective because the Marbleton Clinic is his highest priority and the 24-hour issue is not going to happen until the hospital issue is resolved. From an economic standpoint it is very hard to attract families to the area.

Tonia Hoffman asked to speak, she wanted to make that remark as well. Lorraine has made it very clear that once we have our ducks in a row, once we have our plan in place it will not take long to gain approval for the USDA loan. So, there is an urgency to move ahead, but we have been at it for long enough why do we not feel that we can't stop and make it happen correctly. She feels that they need to do it well, not fast.

Mike Pompey answered, Sam indicated that one of our concerns is the Marbleton Clinic and the 24-hour service return. If we delay the hospital any further we delay everything another year, meaning we delay getting the service back here another year. He would prefer not to delay that portion of it and if we build a hospital and start this summer or next summer. If we start now and wait for the HD vote, it won't change the fact that we are going to build a hospital, plans are in place, the documents are just about ready to present to the USDA on the financial report, PAR, that Lorraine needs, those are still going to exist. The only issue is whether it include the SC or not. That is the biggest hold up, He does not want to delay another year getting services down here.

Tonia Hoffman stated that breaking ground is not going to change the service in Marbleton, it will not be back in place in 3 months. We will have to have the hospital up and running before we can attack the Marbleton issue.

Mike Pompey said we can start this year as opposed to waiting this year compared to next year.

Dave said realistically to submit an application without knowing whether the SC is in or out he thinks is a little unrealistic. Wendy and himself want to go talk to Lorraine to see if they are going to do that. USDA is going to want to know who the owners are of this project and all the team players. That all has to be done before the application has to be submitted.



Tonia Hoffman asked if she would want to know if we are staying a RHCD or a HD?

Dave replied YES

Tonia said we have to have these things ironed out before we go to the USDA.

Sam Bixler went onto ask, are we already out of time to start construction this fall?

Bill Johnson said we are not, if things go well with Lorraine it takes 1-2 months to do that, it takes about 4 months for the architects, contractors, and bids, that gets us to late July early august.

Wendy Boman said that one thing does have to happen, this application can go to Lorraine and she will make her recommendation to the federal USDA and it will take a few weeks for them decide.

Mike Pompey clarified that the only money they are asking the USDA for is the money for the hospital, not the additional wing for the LTC unit. We are asking the County Commissioners for that funding. Whether it is the HD or not we still plan on going with what we have on paper right now as far as the financials are concerned.

Bill Johnson asked that can she write back that this is conditional on who the ownership would be come November?

Wendy Boman stated that that will be a question we will have to ask her.

Dave said that we would have to have our financing lined out, our construction loan lined out, we would have to have certain things in place to start to break ground.

Mike Pompey stated that they said specifically, do not spend any money before you get the loan.

Wendy Boman said maybe we can work on getting the ditch moved right now

Bill Johnson said things are perfect we have 2.5% interest on the loan right now, materials go up 5-6% per year, we are dreaming if we think we could beat that. It could get worse but its not going to get better. We've already seen it go from \$360/Sq ft. supposedly to over \$500. And a lot of this stuff comes out of China, he expressed his concern about the election and presidential candidates. He wants to get started, get material and get it done, things are not going to stay the same and it is as good as it is going to get.

Joan Mitchell said just be careful, the past board had really good intentions but what they tried to do was push push push now now now and asked for forgiveness later, that made everybody else go whoa. Just be really careful, think about what happened Friday and really talk about it and you can't just blow it away and say that we are going to do it anyway.

Bill Johnson then said I think Wendy and Dave go to Lorraine and talk to her and find out if this is realistic or not.

Mike Pompey said he definitely does not want to jeopardize all of the good will we have created but he wants more compromise than just us. The other groups need to look at compromise as well.

Dave said that if we can get an MOU, we can agree with then we go for the HD, that is the key that is the all in or everybody. He still feels that we all have to be together to get a loan passed the public support is huge. So, we have to make a run at this MOU first, it may not work and we need to think about other options as we go but right now, he thinks that that needs to be the priority.

Wendy Boman said that the commissioners have a meeting Monday morning so in that they will address hopefully these issues but Dr. Burnette knows how she felt and we wanted both clinics but he said he will have to take it to his board but he is against it.

Bill said if we sit around we won't get anything done, if we elect a new board and they sit like we seem to be sitting, you don't know if they are going to get anything done until summer of next year.

Luanne mentioned that everybody all in needs to get put into the MOU.

Wendy confirmed that they are working on that.

Wendy asked for comments from Vicky and Sharon.

Sharon told a good story from a good brined Bill Novatonay, a gentleman who is the county commissioner in Johnson County. They were in Gillette and they were talking about the mines and he said every time you dig a mine you have got to dig through all the layers of dirt to get down to it, all those layers of dirt are called overburden and that is a part of the cost of what you do. The biggest thing you can do as an elected official is not be an overburden and not be a part of stalling the process and he said that you have got to get up and look at the big details we have tried to accomplish h a unified system and if that is what your true goal is with that MOU.

(Wendy got a phone call from Clay and I was unable to hear a portion of the discussion)

Sharon Rutsch went on to put the people in place to look at the minute details and then the elected officials need to look at the big picture.

Wendy Boman said that the MOU is in and we need to review it and be ready on Monday.

Sam Bixler asked what are you guys willing to give up?

Dave said we work really hard to have both the clinics work together and he hates to see anything divide us.

Sharon agreed that Sam had a point what are we willing to put on the table to make this happen?

Bill Johnson said it's like a zig zag line, we are still going in the right direction.

Sharon then said that the distance between the zig zag line is going to get smaller and it has been and soon it will be going so fast it is going to make your head spin, so at this point and time you need to decide what you are willing to put in the pot to get what you want.

Bill Johnson said looking at going to a HD for one, we don't have to do that.

Emily Ray went onto ask what the likelihood of us getting the USDA loan would be if we applied as is, we would possibly get rejected. If we ended up getting rejected and having to reapply, would it be best to save that initial cost before we have everything together?

Wendy Boman and Bill Johnson stated that it doesn't cost that much to apply for the loan itself.

Dave said what costs though every time we apply, the PAR has to be done, and the Financials have to be redone so they match the project. So, there is a lot of costs that go into that application process.

Bill asked Wendy and Dave to go to Casper to give Lorraine the layout, and can she then tell us what the conditions would be. What needs to be solved, what doesn't need to be solved and that might help us get this process going and it might be a lot easier than you think.

Mike Pompey replied to Emily that he is like her that everything needs to be set in stone and the HD needs to be voted in or not, from his standpoint it doesn't matter if we are a HD or a RHCD, we still have the plan and we have everyone together except the SC. The only difference between us doing it now with 2 mils as a RHCD compared to a HD with 3 mils. We still have the plan for the hospital, which is not going to change unless the SC opts out entirely then we don't build the extra wings but we still have the plans in place for the hospital. We still have the authority to go ahead with it. Until we have the vote settle then it is premature to go to the USDA

Wendy Boman said a lot of this is going to be a compromise for what we can and can't do to get everyone on board with us.

Mike Pompey said it was interesting that prior that that Friday morning the commissioners were with us, there was public support and they were ready to let us proceed until that monkey wrench got thrown into it by the SC. And now everybody is backing out and going to what the SC wanted.

Wendy Boman mentioned that the SC wanted a joint powers and Memorial hospital

Mike wanted to speak about when the RHCD was formed, we were having meeting and he went to meetings down here all of time on talking about it and the structure and they were talking about appropriating 2 mils, he made the comment health care is important, we have to double that. He had people turn around and look at him and say, are you crazy?

Luanne then said because we have been spoiled, because we've had excellent healthcare for years, this is what happens because if you really get out in the community, we have all seen the same faces for 7-8 years and it is back to that again. They really don't want to hear the truth they want to crumble and it is all about taxes. A lot of people have the mind send like Jay Majhanovich saying why can't we just take that 51 million and keep doing what we are doing.

Vicky stepped in to comment to what Luanne was saying, legislation gave us until 2025 to have a hospital in place and if we are not there then we lose emergency services in the whole county.

Luanne said well Vicky you've listened to that and you know enough, her thing is emergency services and seriously when you live rurally we need that.

Vicky said that Jay asked who was doing that and Vicky replied to him, the legislature.

Sharon went back and reviewed the survey the county commissioners put out 64% of people in that survey said they were willing to go up one mil so she doesn't think that we will have a hard time selling it. What you need to decide is how we are going to sell it? They are either voting for a hospital, or they are voting to who manages it. Where do you want to be in that game and decide what we are willing to give up in that meeting on Monday. What are your walk away points and negotiation points?

Joan Mitchell said that it will be different because we are voting on a hospital that is going to be 3 mils, not just the board. So, we need to go in voting for a HD that gets 3 mils.

Sharon Rutsch said that we can build the RHCD and we can get 2 mils.

Mike Pompey said the only thing that changes is we get 3 mils, we still have a 5-person board elected by the public, it isn't going to make a difference if it is HD or RHCD, those people running for that position care about healthcare in Sublette County. The HD doesn't change the healthcare, the biggest issue is what is the big picture look like, the only way we can get the SC to participate and expand the healthcare in the county to one big picture is to agree to what they want and that is a HD. We have been wanting to do this all along with a merger, we are ready to go, 2 people are up for election this fall. The SC can run HD or not, there will be 5 public elected officials, once they get together they are going to decide what they are going to do to run it. We are not going to change the hospital

Dave said quick comment about what we can do today, the decision we can make is the board ok to move ahead and negotiate the MOU, you are for that?

The group answered yes

Dave said that is the first step and that is something that has to be decided between now and Monday.

Wendy Boman said she feels strongly to keep it all together and negotiate to keep the marbleton clinic in there.

Mike Pompey said the whole discussion is putting healthcare under one entity and that is one end of it.

Wendy Boman said the other end is do we push forward with the 3 mil and HD? She feels we don't have a choice.

Mike Pompey said if we don't, we won't get support from the other entities like we do now.

Wendy Boman said she feels like we need to go ahead and purchase the property as soon and the city has it to the point where they can sell it to us.

Bill Johnson said it is important to do the MOU we have 3 big days of meeting and he thinks that after that Dave and Wendy need to go to Casper to get Lorraine's point of view

Dave said it would be worth the trip to update her as far as what is going on.

Bill said and as far as this November election we want it to work but if it doesn't it's not the worst thing in the world because we are still in place to manage a hospital board and if we need we can go up to 4 mil if necessary. He feels that we need to go ahead with that whether it passes or not, it is a question of ownership and who is going to make the decisions.

Wendy said she is a little bit of a pacifist and she feels we need to be very careful what we push down the Commissioner's and SC's throat, and we have the option of saying no. We will go from there once we review the MOU.

Marti Seipp said that she thinks it's a good idea to go with the land purchase, because we know we are going to do that, whatever we are doing with the loan application should continue.

Wendy summarized that we are going to push the subject of the Marbleton Clinic being included and we will see what comes out Monday.

**Adjournment:**

**10:05 am**

Minutes taken by Emily Ray

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Wendy Boman, Chairman

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Dave Doorn, Administrative Director