

Sublette County Rural Health Care District
Board of Trustees
Special Meeting
June 26, 2018

Venue: Big Piney Town Hall, Big Piney, WY

Trustees Present:

Scott Scherbel Chairman (via telephone)

Laura Clark, Vice-Chairman

John Godfrey, Secretary/Treasurer

Wendy Boman, Trustee

Call to Order:

Ms. Clark called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

New Business:

County Commissioners' offer to sell the Pinedale Clinic property: Mr. Godfrey told the board that the analysis of the Pinedale Clinic site shows that it is not going to work. So the question is whether or not the board should continue to consider this clinic site for the new hospital. He asked if the ballfields were available, would the District even need the property where the old Pinedale Clinic is sitting. Ms. Boman asked the board members to not discount this property site. Leasing the clinic site could cost almost a quarter of a million dollars per year. The board needs to still consider the site since we have not evaluated the use of the ballfields. The Commissioners need to be told that the District is still considering their offer and thank them. Mr. Scherbel stated that he felt that until the geotechnical and site analysis of the ballfield addition is completed, no decision should be made. Ms. Clark agreed with Mr. Scherbel but also stated that it appears that the Commissioners may increase the rent if a decision is not made by July 17th. Mr. Godfrey suggested sending a letter of determination and appreciation to the Sublette County Commissioners. Mr. Scherbel suggested that the board ask Doug Mason to clarify the lease agreement the Commissioners are suggesting and be added to the July 3rd BCC meeting agenda. Board members agreed to follow this direction.

Electronic Medical Record status moving forward with a hospital/Lorraine Gatzke: Ms. Gatzke informed the board that the District staff has been reviewing the possibility of changing EMR systems to Cerner for hospital and clinic purposes. Cerner staff has demonstrated their product and produced the cost proposal presented by Ms. Gatzke. The total cost of this EMR system over a 10 year period would be \$5.1 million. This includes capital expenses, training, and operating support. The Cerner package also includes a lab information system, accounting program, payroll, dictation, patient statements, and other items that the District is currently paying as add-ons to the EMR system. Ms. Gatzke and Ms. Key have also contacted the University of Utah to find out the cost of going to a hospital system via the EPIC program the District is currently on through the university. Staff at the U of U have not provided a cost analysis yet but are working on that proposal. They have stated that downsizing their current hospital program to a program the size needed by the District is presenting a challenge. Ms. Gatzke told the board that no decisions have to be made yet, she just wanted to provide information so that there isn't so much sticker shock when it comes time to make the jump to a new

system.

Discussion for third EMT for EMS coverage in Marbleton/Bill Kluck: Mr. Kluck presented the board with a proposal that the third EMT currently sitting at the Marbleton EMS barn be shared between Big Piney and Pinedale. This EMT has only been utilized once in five months. His suggestion was to send one EMT from Pinedale EMS to the Marbleton EMS barn to form a crew when a Big Piney ambulance goes out. This would leave a third EMT in Pinedale to help with coverage in the ER. In the event that a second ambulance goes out from either Big Piney or Pinedale, the third crew would go to Daniel to cover the county. This would leave no additional crew members in Big Piney and one in Pinedale to help in the Pinedale ER. This has only happened approximately 8% over the past 3 months.

Ms. Boman commented that this is not what was agreed to. There seems to be a bigger pool of employees in the Pinedale area than in the Big Piney area, couldn't they call in more nurses if additional coverage is needed. Mr. Godfrey stated that the EMS Director's job is to reevaluate the use of staff when necessary. The board should listen to his suggestion. Ms. Clark suggested the board leave the staffing as is and look at it again this fall. Ms. Boman made a motion to leave the staffing schedule as is. Mr. Scherbel seconded the motion. All ayes with the exception of Mr. Godfrey who asked to abstain.

Public Comments:

Louann Heydt told the board that in 2017 EMS services changed in Marbleton/Big Piney from what was originally promised by the board. This is why the decision was made to have the third EMT available in Marbleton when there are no ER services at the Marbleton Clinic. She suggested using the fire EMTs as volunteers to the service. She adamantly suggested that the board not revisit this proposal every 3 to 4 months as Ms. Clark suggested. The lack of twenty-four hour emergency services at the Marbleton Clinic hurts the economy and suggesting not always having EMS services available in town would just make it worse.

Mike Pompy stated that a timely response to getting the CAH up and running is necessary. The use of the third EMT is just an interim policy until emergency services can be restored to the Marbleton Clinic.

Betty Fear stated the since the CAH is going to be in Pinedale, people in the Marbleton/Big Piney area need to be stabilized if you want them to get to the CAH. There needs to be some services in Marbleton/Big Piney.

Michelle Hymas thanked the board for leaving the services alone in the south end of the county

Sherry Redden suggested that Marbleton has offered to help put the CAH in Marbleton so maybe it will be in the south end of the county.

Louann Heydt asked Mr. Kluck if he has been able to keep the third position filled in Marbleton and is this an ALS EMT. Mr. Kluck answered yes to both questions.

John Godfrey asked Mr. Kluck if this position is included in the 2019 budget. Mr. Kluck answered to the affirmative.

Old Business:

Town of Pinedale ballfields for expansion of the Critical Access Hospital: Mr. Godfrey stated that the Town of Pinedale was asked for permission for the District to perform a geotechnical survey of the ballfields as well as an engineering assessment. The Town of Pinedale gave permission but asked that the City Engineer be contract before any holes are drilled. Mayor Murdock clarified the numbers of cost associated with moving the fields. The breakdown included approximately \$1.8 million for the relocation of the ballfields and \$2 million for land purchase. They still have a pledge of \$1 million toward the construction of the CAH. Ms. Boman stated that she has been told there is a possibility of a land swap and the \$2 million for land was a maximum figure. Mr. Scherbel has notified Sletten Construction to proceed with analysis and geotechnical survey.

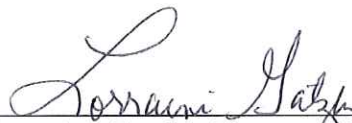
Adjournment:

Ms. Boman made a motion to adjourn at 7:12 pm. Mr. Scherbel seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes taken by Lorraine Gatzke



Laura Clark, Vice-Chairman



Lorraine Gatzke, Finance Director