

**GRAYS HARBOR PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 2  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING  
September 22, 2015**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Ryan Farrer, At Large 2  
Armando Juarez, Jr, District 2  
Miles Longenbaugh, District 3  
Pete Scroggs, District 5  
Robert Torgerson, At Large 1  
Maryann Welch, District 1

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Tom Jensen, CEO, GHCH  
Joe Vessey, CFO, GHCH  
Teresa Ramirez, Executive Assistant, GHCH  
Members of the Public

**ABSENT**

Andrew Bickar, District 4

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Maryann Welch called the meeting to order at 6:28p.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Agenda

Commissioner Welch opened the meeting to members of the public for comment regarding topics listed on the agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- I. Minutes of August 25, 2015 Board of Commissioners meeting.
- II. Vouchers for August 2015 in the amount of \$1,153.65.

**Action:** A motion was made by Commissioner Longenbaugh, seconded by Commissioner Juarez, and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Levy**

Chief Leonard Johnson attended the September Board Finance meeting where he provided information on the various tier levels and taxing districts, as well as the impact a levy would have on Fire District 2. The Fire District's legal counsel drafted a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to make the Fire District whole, and Board Finance has directed that the MOU be reviewed by the Hospital's legal counsel prior to coming to the Committee for consideration.

Mr. Vessey clarified that the primary purpose for an MOU is for districts and other entities to agree to reimburse one another in order to maximize the ability to levy. It also demonstrates the hospital's position of being a good partner with other entities. Timing is dependent upon the County Assessor making available the final values of 2016 property taxes. Preliminarily, the Assessor is targeting the end of September/beginning of October. Once values are determined and districts set their rates, the Assessor will conduct a final evaluation to address any issues.

The MOU between the Hospital, Timberland Library and City of Hoquiam does not specify a financial amount; however, does indicate the methodology the Hospital and Timberland Library would participate in to buy down the City of Hoquiam. Attorneys for the Hospital, Timberland

Library and the City of Hoquiam are negotiating details of the MOU. If timing becomes an issue, a resolution could be drafted giving Mr. Vessey and Mr. Jensen authority to proceed with signing the MOU's.

#### Budget Hearing

Board Finance was made aware that a Budget Hearing needs to be scheduled between November 1<sup>st</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> to both adopt the 2015 Budget and to make a decision regarding the levy.

Budget Hearing to be scheduled Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00p in Conf Rm. C.

**ACTION:** A motion was made by Commissioner Scroggs, seconded by Commissioner Juarez and unanimously approved to schedule the 2016 Budget Hearing on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00p in Room C, to approve the 2016 Budget and to make a decision regarding the levy.

Last evening, Board Finance Committee members participated in a tour of East Campus conducted by Larry Kahl, COO, and Kevin Kajita, Plant Services Director. It was brought forward that the Hospital is eligible for energy efficiency rebates. It was astonishing to see everything that truly needs to be done to update the facility. There is a marked difference between areas that have been upgraded versus those areas that are still in need of updating. Currently, the Hospital is at break/fix capacity with capital. Parking is an issue for East Campus and has been a point of contention for staff and residents, which needs to be taken under consideration by the Board.

Chairman Welch brought forward her participation in charity events, and the noted resistance of charities to donate funds toward operations/facility infrastructure. However, an opportunity exists to link operations/facility infrastructure impact on direct patient comfort care.

Commissioner Scroggs requested that Mr. Kahl develop facility/infrastructure bullet points/priorities (with dollar amounts assigned) for each campus, e.g. boilers, cooling units, etc.

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#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### 2016 Board of Commissioners Educational Retreat

A doodle poll will be established for optional dates for the Retreat.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT** – General

Ms. Welch opened the meeting to public comment from members of the community regarding issues that were not part of the agenda.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

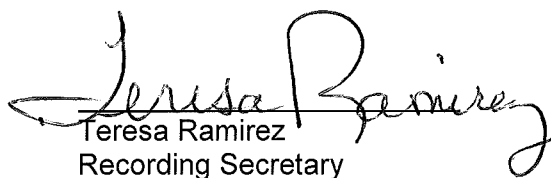
Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>; immediately following the 1:00p Hospital Board Mtg.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56p.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015.**

**ATTEST:**

  
Teresa Ramirez  
Recording Secretary

  
Robert Torgerson  
Board Secretary