

**GRAYS HARBOR PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 2
SPECIAL MEETING BUDGET HEARING
November 14, 2023**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

(X) Michael Bruce, District 2
(X) Chris Thomas, District 1
(X) Scott Dilley, At Large 2
(X) Lynn Csernotta, District 3
() David Quigg, At Large 1
(X) John Shaw, District 5
(X) Andy Bickar, District 4

OTHERS PRESENT

(X) Tom Jensen, CEO
(X) Niall Foley, CFO
(X) Paula Lorenz, Exec. Asst.
(X) Chris Majors, Director PR and Marketing

Members of the Public

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bruce called the Special Budget Hearing Meeting to order at 1:30pm.

A motion was made by Commissioner Csernotta, seconded by Commissioner Dilley, and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as amended.

A Budget Hearing is being held on this day, November 14, 2023, for consideration of adoption of the proposed 2024 Budget and 2024 Tax Levy of Grays Harbor Public Hospital District No. 2. Notice of this Hearing was published in the Daily World on November 02 and 09, 2023.

Resolutions

Chairman Bruce brought forward Resolution 2023-02 2023 Budget and Tax Levy, with the 2024 Budget attached.

Mr. Foley brought forward the 2024 Budget and Tax Levy. The levy for 2024 was increased to \$4,650,000.00 from \$4,500,000 in 2023 which allows for growth in revenue from new construction, and improvements to property, and increased assessed value of state-assessed property.

Mr. Foley brought forward that he budgeted modestly for 2024.

- The 2024 budget includes the hospital, Medical Group, Foundation, and Public Hospital District.
- A 4% price adjustment will be initiated in January 2024. Further price adjustment is not expected in 2024.
- As volumes increase it is anticipated an increase in supply chain costs, equipment costs, and staffing costs will be seen. The organization is working to move from utilization of travel staff to permanent staff.
- Overall, anticipating an operational loss as a consolidated entity for 2024 due to increasing cost of labor and global supply/resource impacts.

Chairman Bruce brought forward Resolution 2023-03 Tax Levy.

Mr. Foley reported that the increase in the 2024 tax levy amount from the previous year is \$42,320.27 which is a percentage increase of 1% over the amount actually levied in 2023. The 2024 levy amount is \$4,650,000.00, allowing for growth of revenue from new construction, improvements to property, and increased assessed value of state-assessed property. The resolution also includes a refund levy of \$29,430.33.

Mr. Foley stated the hospital increasing its levy does not increase taxes to property owners; it increases the hospitals portion of the tax receipts already being collected by the County.

The Board Finance Committee reviewed and discussed the draft 2024 Budget on November 14, 2023.

Public Comment

Chairman Bruce opened the Budget Hearing at 1:45pm to accept public comment on the 2024 budget and levy proposals. No comments were brought forward. Chairman Bruce closed public comment at 1:45pm.

Chairman Bruce called for action related to the Resolutions:

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Dilley, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution 2023-02; 2024 Budget & Tax Levy.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Dilley, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution 2023-03; 2024 Tax Levy.

ACTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Csernotta, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, and unanimously carried to approve the Levy Certification.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bruce called for final adjournment.

The Budget Hearing was officially closed at 1:49pm.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 28th day of November, 2023.

ATTEST:

Paula Lorenz
Recording Secretary



Chris Thomas
Interim Board Secretary