

Kennewick Public Hospital District
Thursday, May 26, 2022 | Remote Meeting Via Zoom
5:00 PM

Attendance: Gary Long, Steve Blodgett, Mark Brault, Marv Kinney, Wanda Briggs, Rick Reil, Sheila Dunlop, Lee Kerr, Nathan Burt, Heidi Ellerd, and Salem Thompson.

CALL TO ORDER Gary Long called the Meeting to order at 5:02 pm

Due to the state of emergency and the Governor's proclamation relating to in-person public meetings, the Meeting was held with all parties participating remotely via Zoom. Commissioner Long called the Meeting to order at 5:02 pm after confirming that all parties were connected and could hear and participate in the Meeting.

I. DISTRICT BUSINESS:

A. Approval of Consent Agenda

The materials listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the Board of Commissioners and are adopted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of the following items:

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED TO APPROVE CONESNT AGENDA. NO DISCUSSION
MOTION CARRIED.

B. Public Comment: None.

II. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Reports

1. Lee Kerr – Superintendent, General Update
A proposed recovery center will not likely be located in the old Trios location at Auburn St. There are a few other options Benton County is looking at. A successful closing of the 805/807 Auburn property was achieved with the help of many hands.
A small group of public hospital districts no longer running hospitals but doing other public work have invited Lee and Gary to a virtual collaboration meeting later in June.
2. Legal Report - Heidi Ellerd, Legal Counsel
 - a. Updates – Open public meetings and public records requests.
Work continues on fulfilling existing requests by installment and a few new requests.
Beginning in June, a physical location will need to be available for monthly commission meetings.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE LEE KERR TO FIND A SUITABLE PHYSICAL LOCATION FOR BOARD MEETINGS MOVING FORWARD HAVING A/V CAPACITY FOR REMOTE/ZOOM ACCESS AND AUTHORIZE LEE KERR TO SIGN ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS TO RESERVE THE LOCATION FOR BOARD MEETINGS AND

AUTHORITY TO GIVE NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF THE NEW MEETING LOCATION PRIOR TO THE NEXT BOARD MEETING. SECONDED. NO DISCUSSION. MOTION CARRIED.

Heidi Ellerd discussed new legislation that requires posting of a sign at all board meetings about open carry, RCW 9.41.305.

3. Administrative Report, Salem Thompson, Board Coordinator
 - a. Records project update – Work is progressing with more boxes identified for destruction with DAN codes. The form for signing off for destruction has been sent to RCCH for countersignature and delivery to CI/VRC. A copy will be retained by the District. A grant for digitizing records was submitted to the WA State Archives last week. Awards will be announced in September.

B. Committee Reports/Recommendations

1. Finance Committee – Steve Blodgett, Finance Chair / Nathan Burt
 - a. Acceptance of March and April financial statements– Overview by Nathan Burt

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MARCH FINANCIALS WHICH INCLUDES PAYMENTS AND DISBURSEMENTS AS SUBMITTED. SECONDED. NO DISCUSSION MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE APRIL FINANCIALS WHICH INCLUDES PAYMENTS AND DISBURSEMENTS AS SUBMITTED. SECONDED. NO DISCUSSION, MOTION CARRIED.

- b. Approval of payments and disbursements. These were approved within the motion to approve the financials.
 - c. Treasurer’s Report – Steve Blodgett discussed the work on the audit.
 - d. 2021 Audit update. Work continues to go well. ADS has been compliant in providing the requested supporting documents.
2. Governance Committee Updates – Gary Long
 - a. Report on sale of 805/807 Auburn – Covered above in Lee’s report.
 - b. Discussion: Public meeting place starting June meeting and continuance of virtual option – This was covered earlier in the meeting. Lee, Salem, and Dr. Dunlop will follow up on options and equipment. Congratulations to Mark Brault for his recent honor as Tri-Citian of the Year. Also noted there are former Kennewick Man of the Year winners on our Board as well.
3. Planning Committee – Wanda Briggs
 - a. General update – The Community Needs Health Assessment draft will be available this fall. Issues around housing and homelessness and mental health are expected to be in the forefront. Grace Clinic desires to expand dental services and will provide a proposal for the planning committee to consider. There has not been a proposal from ADS yet on what the District could do to help/collaborate. Dr. Dunlop discussed a possible partnership between medical students in DO programs and patients at ADS providing the students with supervised experience and ADS clients with additional services, likely 1-2 days per month.
 - b. Discussion on full Board Strategic Planning Retreat – A retreat will likely take place in the fall rather than the summer.
4. Adult Day Services – General Update: Rick Reil/Steve Blodgett

Services continue at expected levels with new admissions occurring regularly. They are working on preparing their newly acquired building for tenants and taking care of some deferred maintenance on the building's exterior.

C. Executive Session - NONE

IV. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

D. Upcoming items

V. BOARD MEETINGS/EVENTS/EDUCATION:

Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting – Thursday, June 30, 2022 @ 5:00p.m. via Zoom and in-person, details TBD.

Close of Meeting 6:31 pm