

**Kennewick Public Hospital District**  
**Thursday, Feb. 24, 2022 | Remote Meeting Via Zoom**  
**5:00 pm**  
**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER** Gary Long called the Meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

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

**Excused:** Rick Reil who joined after the meeting was called to order.

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 5:00 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, special meeting minutes for February 2, 2022

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 2, 2022, SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES AS SUBMITTED. NO DISCUSSION MOTION CARRIED.

**B. Public Comment:** None.

**II. NEW BUSINESS Reports**

1. Lee Kerr – Superintendent, General Update

a. Potential equipment purchase – Not discussed.

General updates included new appraisals for the 805/807 Auburn property that have been received. This is due to the water damage to the property and new comparable sales being available. Both items have potential to change the current listing price to be discussed in executive session.

More discussions in the community on a proposed recovery center. The District's role, if any, is still unknown at this time.

Two upcoming events for consideration are the March 22 farewell to the Auburn Women and Children's Hospital location and the opening of the new facility on March 23. John Solheim has invited Gary to make comments at both events on behalf of the District.

2. Legal Report - Heidi Ellerd, Legal Counsel

a. Updates – Working on three public records requests in installments.

3. Administrative Report, Salem Thompson, Board Coordinator
  - a. Records project update – Work is commencing by the records specialist via database access with Columbia Industries (CI). All is going well.
  - b. IT services update and agreement – The agreement allows for ongoing support rather than support on an as needed basis. The monthly amount will appear on the bill payments report.

**B. Committee Reports/Recommendations**

1. Finance Committee – Steve Blodgett, Finance Chair / Nathan Burt
  - a. January financial statements – Nathan Burt – General overview. Benton County election costs were high and unexpected. Gary suggests the finance committee call the county this fall when developing the budget for an estimate of this year’s election costs if one would be available.
  - b. Treasurer’s Report – Steve Blodgett – The next financial audit is being discussed with Eide Bailly. More details to come.
  - c. Payments Policy\* - Not presented. Heidi will have a draft available for the finance committee before their next meeting on March 14.
2. Governance Committee Updates – Gary Long
  - a. General update -Matters from Governance will be discussed in Executive Session noted below.
3. Planning Committee – Wanda Briggs
  - a. General update – There was a robust disussion this month and a meeting with Dr. Amy Person, director of the Benton Franklin Health District. There was a mention of the new community health needs assessment steering committee
4. Adult Day Services – General Update Steve Blodgett / Rick Reil
  - a. Property purchase update – The purchase is moving forward. They are moving their business accounts to Banner Bank. Closing is expected soon.
  - b. Their daily count is slowly going up. They expect the phone call support they offer clients will end at some point, but continues for the time being.

**C. Executive Sessions –**

**1. To consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of decreased price RCW 42.30.110(1)(c)**

**The executive session was called at 5:53 pm for 10 minutes.**

Members of the public in attendance were placed in the Zoom waiting room.

**The session opened back up to the public at 6:03 pm.**

Members of the public were admitted back into the meeting.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED TO SET THE NEW LIST PRICE FOR 805/807 AUBURN STREET TO \$155,000 CONSISTENT WITH THE RECENTLY RECEIVED APPRAISALS. NO DISCUSSION. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

**2. To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee RCW 42.30.110.(1)(g)**

**The executive session was called at 6:04pm for 10 minutes.**

Members of the public in attendance were placed in the Zoom waiting room.

**The session opened back up to the public at 6:14 pm.**

Members of the public were admitted back into the meeting.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED TO SET THE SUPERINTENDENT  
COMPENSATION TO \$3300 PER MONTH. NO DISCUSSION. ALL IN FAVOR.  
MOTION CARRIED.

### **III. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

#### **D. Upcoming items**

1. Planning Committee's full commission Strategic Planning Retreat - date and details TBD

### **IV. BOARD MEETINGS/EVENTS/EDUCATION:**

**Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting – Thursday, March 31, 2022 @ 5:00p.m.**

**ADJOURNMENT – 6:37 pm**