

**SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Public Hospital District No. 1-A of Whitman County, Washington
d/b/a**

Pullman Regional Hospital

Wednesday, June 15, 2022, 5:00 p.m.

Conference Room C & D, Pullman Regional Hospital, 835 SE Bishop Blvd.

Zoom: <https://pullmanregional.zoom.us/j/7983994768>

Board of Commissioners

P-Jeff Elbracht, President
P-Tricia Grantham, Vice President
P-Sandra O'Keefe, Secretary
P-Joe Pitzer, Commissioner
P-Michael Murphy, Commissioner
P-Margaret Werre, Commissioner
P-Karen Karpman, Commissioner

Hospital Personnel

P-Scott K. Adams, CEO
P-Jeannie Eylar, CCO
E-Steve Febus, CFO
P-Bernadette Berney, CHRO
E-Rueben Mayes, CDO
P-Carrie Coen, CRO
E-Timothy Goodrich, D.O., Medical Staff President
P-Edwin Tingstad, M.D., CMO
P-Karly Port, CCNO
P-Erin Sedam, Executive Administrative Assistant
P-Rob Rembert, Legal Counsel

Guests:

In-person

Isaac Grindeland
Pat Wright
Jennifer Matęra
Sharon Hall
Alison Weigley
Taylor Shewchuk
Dr. Pete Mikkelsen
Catherine Wilkins
Megan Guido
Dr. Stephen Hall
Kelsey Erwin
Dr. Stephanie Fosback
Keri Jones
Jean Logan
Shelley Bull
Ed Tingstad

Zoom

Evan Ellis
Matt Forge
Jose Amada
Jennifer Saarela
Michelle Reynolds
Stephanie Knewbow
Judy Stone

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Elbracht called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following Commissioners answering present: Elbracht, Grantham, O'Keefe, Pitzer, Murphy, Werre, and Karpman.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

President Elbracht explained that as the Board of Commissioners consider the Master Facility Plans, they are encouraging comments from the public. He went on to explain the what activities have already taken place in the development of these proposed plans which included gathering feedback from 26 local healthcare entities around immediate and future space needs for service line growth. After the overview of the project, President

Elbracht opened the floor for any comments from the public in attendance, both in person, on zoom, or who submitted a letter prior to the meeting.

President Elbracht began by reading three letters that were submitted. Two were in favor of the project and highlighted the space needs at the hospital. The other recognized the need and space concerns, but felt the hospital should explore other funding options.

Next, President Elbracht welcomed those participants on Zoom that wished to speak to provide their comments. One participant felt the hospital should not purpose a bond levy to fund this project. The other three were in support of the project and the funding avenues.

Lastly, President Elbracht welcomed those participants in person to come to the podium one at a time and provide their comments. The ten individuals who spoke were all in favor of the project. Most highlighted issues in their areas of the hospital and how support from the community tax payers would address these concerns. Several made comments specifically about the Emergency Department and the inadequate space to meet patient levels. Others made comments related to the laboratory and its space restraints. Several physicians spoke, highlighting that the ask is not for "new and fancy" but for "nuts and bolts" to meet the standard level of care. Some expressed concerns about falling behind or not being able to continue the excellent level of care Pullman Regional Hospital has provided if these issues are not addressed. Additionally, there were voiced concerns about retaining quality staff if concerns are not addressed.

President Elbracht asked if any other in attendance wished to make a comment. Hearing none, President Elbracht closed the floor.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Erin Sedam
Executive Assistant



Sandra O'Keefe, Secretary
Board of Commissioners

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