

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

Pullman Regional Hospital

Thursday, July 14, 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
P-Steve Febus, CFO
P-Bernadette Berney, CHRO
P-Rueben Mayes, CDO
P-Carrie Coen, CRO
E-Timothy Goodrich, D.O., Medical Staff President
E-Edwin Tingstad, M.D., CMO
P-Karly Port, CCNO
P-Erin Sedam, Executive Administrative Assistant
P-Rob Rembert, Legal Counsel

Guests:

In-person

Jose Amada
Woman
Paul Kimbell
Pat Wright
Adina Belinger
Tony Post
Alison Weigley

Zoom

Evan Ellis
Mike Heston
Judy Stone
Cody Finch
Pete Mikkelsen
Cody Finch

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 provided a brief overview of the facilities plan the Commissioners approved at their regular July meeting. He went on to explain that funding for this project is still being finalized and this meeting is to provide an opportunity for public comment regarding the project and proposed funding avenues.

Favorable Comments (2):

Mike Heston (zoom)
Tony Poston (in person)

Mike Heston provided comment related to the advantages the community's emergency service providers would see with increased space in the Emergency Department at Pullman Regional Hospital. Tony Poston spoke as both a community member and a business owner. He mentioned that having excellent care in our community and not having to travel for those services has been an important part of his recruitment and retention with staff.

Opposing Comments (2):

Cody Finch (zoom)

Jose Amada (in person)

Cody Finch feels the hospital should focus on being able to provide necessary services and less specialties. He feels people seeking those specialties can travel for those needs outside of the community. He expressed frustrations around being transferred to other locations for "basic" care. He did add that he wasn't opposed overall to supporting the hospital, but asked that it be done in smaller dosages and not reach for everything all at once. Jose expressed concerns around the tax amount and that feels that it is a substantial ask of the average resident. He highlighted passed failed bond attempts and feels that this is the community's way of saying they can't afford these increased taxes. He also added that Board needs to see the full picture and not just those associated with the hospital and their favorable comments.

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 5:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Erin Sedam
Executive Assistant



Sandra O'Keefe, Secretary
Board of Commissioners

(Minutes are not officially approved until the next Board Meeting.)