

**SPECIAL MEETING  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Public Hospital District No. 1-A of Whitman County, Washington  
d/b/a  
Pullman Regional Hospital  
Tuesday, July 26, 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  
E-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 Almada  
Michele Almada  
James Pitzer

***Zoom***

Rachel Sun  
Evan Ellis  
Dan Kurtz

**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 open the floor for public comment. Guest, James Pitzer of Pullman, shared his recent experience in Pullman Regional Hospital’s emergency department and expressed his gratitude. He acknowledged his outcome would have been drastically different if this care wasn’t available in Pullman.

**III. RECOMMENDATION FOR FUNDING MASTER FACILITIES PLAN**

Scott Adams provided a historical overview of Pullman Regional Hospital’s priorities and funding pursuits over the last five years. He included the efforts that lead to the recommendation around this approved master facilities plan and highlighted the key needs that are addressed. He explained that the Strategic Planning Committee met and reviewed in detail the funding options which led them to the recommendation that draws heavily on the power of partnership with the community. The project total is \$45M and the proposed funding recommendation is; \$7.5M Hospital and Foundation funding, \$10M Hospital borrowing, and \$27.5M bond tax levy.

President Elbracht thanked Mr. Adams for this overview and asked the Commissioners to provide their responses and thoughts on the project and funding proposal.

Commissioner Murphy spoke on the importance of having current technology and systems in the healthcare industry. Vice President Grantham addressed the population growth in Pullman and the demand that will have on healthcare. Commissioner O’Keefe highlighted the need to be able to support our community with access to

care here in Pullman. Commissioner Karpman explained that this funding proposal is the best and only way to move forward with the plan and still remain financially sound. She stated that the Hospital can not do it alone, and needs the support of the community to make it work. Commissioner Pitzer spoke to the property tax rate and provided examples of what the annual costs could look like if the bond passes. He also gave comparative data to other taxing entities, with the hospital being still significantly lower than those annual amounts. Commissioner Werre addressed that the further you get behind, the more expensive it will be when it is time to keep up. She also spoke to the fact that the levy will amortize over the years as new people move to Pullman. President Elbracht said that this plan provides a lot of things to our community. In some ways it will save people money to not have to travel to other areas for care they could receive here. It will also aid in not only recruiting new physicians to the area, but also in retaining the ones we currently have.

#### IV. RESOLUTION – BALLOT ISSUE FOR NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION

President Elbracht presented a resolution for the Board to consider approving. Commissioner O’Keefe read resolution 590 stating the specifying and adopting a plan to (i) construct an addition to inpatient and outpatient medical facilities on the campus of Pullman Regional Hospital for patient and support services, (ii) remodel, renovate and expand existing space for emergency, surgical, imaging, laboratory, and other specialty diagnostic and therapeutic services, and (iii) carry out other capital improvements as deemed necessary or advisable by the Commission of the District; declaring the estimated costs of such plan; providing for the submission to the voters of the District at a special election to be held therein on November 8, 2022, of a proposition authorizing the District to issue general obligation bonds in the principal amount of no more than \$27,500,000 (or such lesser maximum amount as may be legally issued under the laws governing the limitation of indebtedness), for the purpose of paying costs of the foregoing plan, the principal of and interest on such bonds to be payable from annual property tax levies to be made in excess of regular property tax levies; designating the Superintendent of the District and bond counsel to receive notice of the ballot title from the Auditor of Whitman County, Washington; and providing for other matters properly related thereto, all as more particularly set forth herein.

Commissioner Murphy moved to approve Resolution 590. Commissioner Karpman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

#### III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:42 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.)*