

MASON COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT #2 MEETING MINUTES OF 02/26/2008
NORTH MASON TIMBERLAND LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM
BELFAIR, WA 98528

Meeting called to order @ 1903 (7:03 pm)

Members in attendance: Mr. Herb Gerhardt, President; Mr. Ray Stutz, Secretary; Ms. Kaye Massie, Treasurer; Mrs. Peggy VanBuskirk; Mr. Bev Wendell; Dr. Wallace Volz, Advisor to the Board

Visitors in attendance: Mary Swaboda; Frank Kenny, Chamber of Commerce President/CEO; Dr. Don LePere, Allyn Action Committee Chairman; John Whalen; Barbara Austin; Melissa Austin-Turner; Doug Womack; Valerie McLeod; Gerry Morrow, KMAS Reporter.

Approved agenda items as written (Agenda attached)

The previous meeting minutes (02/12/2008) was approved as written.

Public Budget Hearing:

Proposed Budget for the year of 2008 was presented to the board by Dr. Wallace Volz, followed by public comment. Commissioner comments were given before the Budget Resolution was read and a vote was taken.

MASON COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 2
RESOLUTION 2008-0001

A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Mason County Public Hospital District No. 2 adopting and approving the 2008 Budget.

WHEREAS, Mason County Public Hospital District No. 2 (the "District") was formed by a vote of the residents of Mason County, effective January 1, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the District requires a budget for its initial partial year of 2008; and

WHEREAS, the District has not yet appointed its initial Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, the President of the Board of Commissioners of the District presented to the Board of Commissioners a proposed budget for 2008 for the District, attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "2008 Budget") at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners on February 26, 2008; and

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners took public comment on the proposed 2008 Budget at that same meeting; and

WHEREAS, after due consideration of the Budget and the public comments thereon, the Board of Commissioners desires to adopt and approve the 2008 Budget;

WHEREAS, this resolution was introduced at the February 26, 2008 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MASON COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 2, AS FOLLOWS:

Resolution #2008-0001, (The 2008 Budget) passed by a unanimous vote of the full board.

Public Comment Period:

Dr. LePere informed the Board of his officially presenting a letter to the Board of Commissioners, Mason County Public Hospital District #1, asking that Allyn and the associated areas be removed from the hospital district, a copy of which he presented to this Board as well.

Valerie McLeod informed the Board that Dr. Hoe, from the North Mason Medical Clinic has found employment elsewhere, and that other staff seems to be seeking employment elsewhere as well; that this does not bode well for those who use the present clinic.

Correspondence:

New:

A letter of Engagement from Attorney Donald Black, of the law firm Ogden, Murphy, Wallace, P. L. L. C. was received by President Herb Gerhardt, signed and returned, thus making Mr. Black the attorney for Hospital District #2.

Old:

Letter from the county asking for payment of the \$2,923.08 for election costs has, again, been deferred to a later date.

Letter to County Commissioners, addressing their October 22 letter of concern, was, again, deferred to a later date.

The invitation to attend the Grand Opening of the new Mason Community Dental Clinic was discussed, and it was resolved that all commissioners, with the exception of Commissioner Peggy VanBuskirk, who will be working at that time, will attend, and will carpool as a group to this event.

Board President, Herb Gerhardt, presented a letter that he generated at the request of the Mason County Journal, to be included in the next issue, giving a brief look at the board members and the new district as a whole. This letter was approved by the Board members.

Old Business:

It was announced, again, that from this time forward, and until further notice, the regularly scheduled meetings of MCPHD2 will be held on the fourth (4th) Tuesday of every month, at the North Mason School District Board Room.

Two (2) Stipend Waiver Letters were received by Treasurer; Commissioner Kaye Massie for the purpose of waiving this year's anticipated stipend payment.

Commissioner expenses (mileage, postage, & misc. costs) reimbursement will be addressed in the Bylaws that are being drafted at this time. There has been no expense sheets presented to the board thus far.

Appointment of a Receiving Agent for claims against the District remains deferred for a later date.

The Special Meeting with PHD#1 was discussed and a date of 11 March, 2008 @ 1700 (5:00 pm) was selected as suitable to all commissioners. This will be a public meeting for both PHD#1 & PHD#2.

The obtaining a UBI number, an L&I number, and Employment Security information, are being held in abeyance until the completion of the contract negotiations with Harrison Medical Center.

The establishment of an Investment Policy (Committee of Kaye Massie & Dr. Wallace Volz) was postponed for a later date as it is not required until the

latter part of the year.

A report was given by Commissioner, President Herb Gerhardt, and Commissioner, Secretary Ray Stutz, on the recent Teleconference that was put on by the AWPHD on 21 February, 2008, concerning Records Policy and Electronic Records Keeping.

The Board was updated on the request by Harrison Medical Center to have an article placed in their quarterly magazine. Due to time constraints, and other requirements, this has been held in abeyance until a later date.

New Business:

A discussion was had over the Email received from Diana Burch of the Assessor's Office, concerning the disparity between the original expected tax income figure of \$582,522 received in the latter part of 2007, and the most recent figure of \$457,745; a difference of \$124,777 in tax revenue.

Commissioner Kaye Massie brought up a recent discussion she had with Patti Hart of Harrison Medical Center, about arranging a tour for the commissioners of their facilities. This was received in a positive manner by all commissioners. Discussion continued on to have this include all of Harrison Medical Center's facilities as well as that of Mason General Hospital.

Commissioner Kaye Massie distributed to all commissioners a pamphlet entitled "Five Wishes" that she received from Harrison Medical Center. This pamphlet is basically a "Living Will" that one is to fill out and have available when a medical event takes place. These are available to the public for a cost of \$5.00 each.

Committee Reports:

The Contract Negotiations Committee updated the Board on the most recent activity surrounding the negotiations; details could not be stated due to the sensitivity of all participants involved in the contract talks.

Commissioner Peggy VanBuskirk discussed the recent meeting of the County Board of Health. It is believed that a part of the Hood Canal pollution problem stems from the many homeless we have in the county who do not have adequate or acceptable toilet facilities among their other needs. The numbers of homeless in our area are, at present, unknown, but figures will be forthcoming.

The next Mason County Board of Health meeting will be on 2/26/2008 @ 1530 (3:30 pm).

Commissioner, Mr. Bev Wendell, who will become a member of the Mason Transit Authority Board, announced the next meeting as 3/11/2008 @ 1600 (4:00 pm). This will be the first official meeting of the new board members.

Commissioner Kaye Massie gave directions as to the filling out of the recently distributed Expense Voucher, and the need to make several copies for the record.

The most recent version of the proposed Bylaws and Ethics Policy will be given to the district attorney for his input prior to final board approval by resolution.

It was felt by the Board that the detailed Duties/Job Description of the Superintendent be separate from the Bylaws and Ethics Policy.

Dr. Wallace Volz updated the Board on the ongoing quest for Liability, and Labor and Industries insurance, all of which should be in place for the next

board meeting in March.

Commissioner Ray Stutz updated the Board on progress in the designing of the Official Seal.

Due to the previous comments concerning the annexation of the Allyn area by Dr. Don LePere, there was no further discussion by the committee at this time.

Miscellaneous Items:

Concern over the possible gap in medical service beginning January 1, 2009, as well as the waning service due in part to the present medical staff departing for employment elsewhere, was brought to the attention of the board. The Board assured those present that this has been an active part of the discussions with Harrison Medical Center, and will remain a focus of the Board's attention.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting was announced as being on Tuesday, 25 March 2008 @ 1900 (7:00 pm) at the North Mason School District Board Room.

There may be a Special Commissioner's meeting (to be announced) for the approval of the contract between Mason County Public Hospital District #2 and Harrison Medical Center.

Meeting adjourned @: 2030 (8:30 pm)

Respectfully Submitted:
Raymond A. Stutz,
Commissioner, Secretary