



## COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 24, 2019

**AMENDED**

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jim Schroeder, Chairperson  
Rod Sherwood, Vice Chair  
Pete Peterson, Member  
Mary VonRuden, Member  
Dean Peterson, Member

### **RESOURCE PERSONS:**

Linda Smith, Administrator  
Garlynn Brookshaw, Business Services Director  
Tina Osterberg, Monroe County Administrator  
Tom Martin, CLS Architect

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call** - The meeting called to order by J. Schroeder at 4:00 p.m.  
Roll call: J. Schroeder, here; R. Sherwood, here; P. Peterson, here; M. VonRuden, here; D. Peterson, here.
2. **Public Comment** – Julie Geier addressed the committee.
3. **Review of Minutes for May 20, 2019** – Motion by M. VonRuden, seconded by R. Sherwood, to approve the minutes of May 20, 2019. Vote 5-0. Motion carried.
4. **Business Reports** -
  - A. **Presentation of Financials** – G. Brookshaw presented the May 2019 financials.  
  
**Motion made by P. Peterson, seconded by R. Sherwood, to accept the financials as presents. Vote 5-0. Motion carried.**
5. **Administrator's Report** –
  - A. **Census Update** – L. Smith updated on our current census.  
Today's Nursing Home Census = 73 (80 total licensed beds)  
Today's Assisted Living Census = 8 (8 total licensed beds)
  - B. **Monthly Report** – L. Smith stated we had our heightened scrutiny visit from the state for the assisted living. This was for the home and community based waiver. Now we wait for the results and we do not know how long that will be. L. Smith informed the state surveyors were in the facility Monday through Wednesday last

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week. Overall it went well and they were very complimentary of our staff. Five clinical citations were received most of which were paperwork/documentation related. Along with the state inspection, Rolling Hills also had the life safety inspection on Monday as well. A few things need to be addressed due to this inspection. L. Smith updated on capital projects such as flooring.

- 6. Building Project and Site** – L. Smith stated last month there was a motion to have her obtain figures of what it would cost to survey and do soil testing on the Bailey land if that was going to be a potential site. Tom Martin apprised that the estimated costs will be: topographical survey = \$3,500, civil engineering = \$6,500, and soil borings = \$3,500 and a contingency of \$1,500 for any unknowns.

**Motion made by M. VonRuden, to table this agenda item. Motion failed due to lack of a second.**

P. Peterson offered a suggestion to contact the city of Sparta, offer to sell them the nursing home and everything attached to it for \$1 as is and they can keep their nursing home in Sparta and it will end this **and it will save the county \$1 million a year on the tax levy**. P. Peterson commented this all came up because the city of Sparta didn't want to work with us in the first place. L. Smith responded she doesn't believe the city of Sparta is interested in going into the nursing home business and it is a little more complicated. L. Smith asked if you are willing to hand it over to someone else to run it in Sparta why wouldn't you be willing for the county to choose to operate it in Sparta. **R. Sherwood stated there should be a discussion once the lawsuit is over about whether to include an 80 bed skilled nursing home in the project because the county will lose the other 55 beds if it only uses 25 of them in the project. R. Sherwood commented just build it bigger as he doesn't believe the taxpayers are going to care. Rod Sherwood feels the taxpayers have been supporting Rolling Hills and he thinks it should be a real discussion because once we lose them, they're gone.**

- 7. Old Tomah Memorial Hospital Building Uses** – L. Smith stated this is up to what the county as a whole wants to do, if they are interested. Phil Stuart is looking for an answer this week. L. Smith commented the finances do not make sense and we would not have the funds to start another endeavor. P. Peterson agrees with her concept and it is not the correct idea at this time and would be costly. P. Peterson pointed out that we should come to a conclusion that if we are interested let him know and if we are not interested let him know. T. Osterberg apprised at this point the county cannot afford to switch beds over to that nursing home and run that and also run our current nursing home.

**Motion made by M. VonRuden, seconded by P. Peterson, to table this agenda item until further notice. T. Osterberg updated she received an email from Phil**



**Stuart that they need an answer by the end of June. We need to let them know that they should move on. Vote 2-3. Motion failed.**

**Motion made by R. Sherwood, seconded by D. Peterson, to direct T. Osterberg to inform Phil Stuart that the county is not interested in the old Tomah Memorial Hospital building at this time. Vote 5-0. Motion carried.**

8. **Rolling Hills Committee Composition and Duties** – L. Smith distributed a copy of an updated document that the County Clerk, Shelley Bohl, sent out as a process for when the new board comes in in April. They are reviewing all of the committee duties and L. Smith is recommending the addition of #6 and #7. This has to do with what the state and federal requirements are now.

**Motion made by M. VonRuden, seconded by D. Peterson, to approve the Rolling Hills Committee Composition and Duties as presented. Vote 5-0. Motion carried.**

9. **Next Meeting Date & Time** - Monday, July 15, 2019, at 4 p.m.

10. **Next Month's Agenda Items** – M. VonRuden recognized Julie Geier from the audience. Julie Geier addressed a comment to P. Peterson stating the Sparta versus Tomah started here and that's what started the lawsuit in response to his comment regarding the city of Sparta buying Rolling Hills for \$1.

11. **Adjournment** - **Motion made by P. Peterson, seconded by R. Sherwood, to adjourn the meeting at 4:47 p.m. Vote 5-0. Motion carried.**

Submitted by  
Garlynn Brookshaw