

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 26, 2016**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Public Hospital District No. 304, Skagit County was held at the Peacehealth United General Medical Center.

ATTENDANCE

Present were: Commissioners Chuck Ruhl, Bob Stanley, Jeri Kaufman, Gary Kent and Andy Hunter; Ted Brockmann, Superintendent/CFO; Steve Queen, Human Resource Administrator; Mary Voss, Office Manager/Accountant.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Mr. Hunter.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to approve the "consent" agenda, including the minutes of the September 28th regular meeting; written report from the Superintendent/CFO; Resolution 2016-23 Surplus; District accounts payable vouchers #70582 – 70695; AHS accounts payable vouchers #31185-31187; payroll vouchers #DD1824 – DD1888; and the September write-offs.

OTHER BUSINESS

Marijuana Education & Prevention:

Ms. Alyssa Pavitt from the District's Community Health Outreach Program gave a presentation on the District's work with marijuana education and prevention. As part of the legalization of marijuana in Washington State, a portion of the marijuana tax is allocated for prevention. The District is the North Sound Region Lead, coordinating efforts in five counties (Skagit, Snohomish, Whatcom, Island and San Juan). Prevention strategies have been developed through collaboration with community partners, agencies and school districts. The District coordinated 13 trainings that were held between April and June for over 350 students and adult leaders. Efforts have been made to effect change in public policy to incorporate the new trend towards "vaping".

Resolution 2016-24:

As requested by the Skagit County Auditor's office, this resolution was to confirm the boundaries of Hospital District 304. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to approve this resolution.

OTHER BUSINESS CONT'D

2017 Board Meeting Dates:

Mr. Brockmann presented a schedule of proposed Board meeting dates for 2017. As there were no objections, a resolution approving the meeting dates will be brought forth at the November meeting

FINANCE

Finance Committee Report:

Mr. Kent presented the Finance Committee report for consideration and deferred to Mr. Brockmann for detail. Mr. Brockmann reviewed the September 2016 income statement and balance sheet for the District. He also reviewed the September financial reports for Hospice of the Northwest. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to accept the Finance Committee report.

2017 Budget:

Mr. Brockmann stated that the preliminary 2017 Tax Levy Budget was presented to the Board at the October 28th regular Board meeting. A legal notice was published in the Skagit Valley Herald on November 9th and 16th stating that the 2017 preliminary budget was on file and available to the public at the District Administrative Office. There was no public comment on the budget. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to adopt the 2017 budget as presented.

Resolution 2016-25:

This resolution was to adopt budget and tax levies for 2017 and to approve the limit factor for the property tax levy. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to approve this resolution.

Resolution 2016-26:

This resolution was to approve the dollar amount and percentage increase in the regular property tax levy. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to approve this resolution.

Commissioner Benefit Analysis:

The Commissioners were presented with a draft budget analysis of Commissioners' compensation and benefits. As permitted by RCW 70.44.050 the District has offered medical and dental insurance to the Commissioners since 2006. A discussion ensued as to whether the District should continue this practice now that the scope and income of the District has changed since the affiliation with Peacehealth in 2014. It was decided to table the discussion until the November 30th meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 a.m.

Jeri Kaufman

Christine

Ruston Stanley

Dr. D. H. H.

Ando C. H.