



PERSHING GENERAL HOSPITAL & NURSING HOME BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, April 15, 2020

ENTITY: Pershing General Hospital
DATE: April 15, 2020
TIME: 11:00 A.M. – Special Meeting
PLACE: Pershing General Hospital
Zoom Phone number: 1-669-900-9128
ID: 7752732621

PLACES POSTED: Pershing General Hospital
Pershing County Courthouse
US Post Office
Pershing County Library
www.pershinghospital.org

ATTENDING: **Board:** Chair Carolyn Hultgren, Vice Chair Charles Safford, Secretary Ted Bendure, Trustee Joe Pierce.
Zoom: Trustee Dana Tueller, Bryce Shields (Board Counsel), Christina Dickerman
Staff: Cynthia Hixenbaugh, Lynn Broyles, Jim Weeldreyer, Pam Weeldreyer.
Other: Debra Reid (Lovelock Review-Miner)

1) **SPECIAL MEETING CALL TO ORDER – Meeting was called to order by Chair Hultgren at 11:03 A.M.**

2) **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Christina stated statistics for the State of Nevada as follows: Statewide, Nevada has performed 30,628 tests and we have had 120 deaths. There has been a total of 2,791 positive tests. We do not know of any positive cases in Pershing County at this time.

3) **CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITAL (CAH) ITEMS**

a. **NEW BUSINESS**

- i. Presentation and Approval of Tentative Budget FY 2021 – **For Possible Action.**
CFO Broyles presented and explained the Tentative Budget FY2021 to the board.
Motion to approve the Tentative Budget FY2021 made by Trustee Pierce. Second by Secretary Bendure. Motion approved.
- ii. Approve and authorize a new bank account at Nevada State Bank pursuant to a Payroll Protection Loan application. Retroactive approval to April 6, 2020 due to emergency timing related to COVID-19 – **For Possible Action.**
Motion to authorize a new bank account with Nevada State Bank pursuant to a Payroll Protection Loan application approval retroactive to April 6, 2020 due to emergency timing related to COVID-19 made by Secretary Bendure. Second by Trustee Pierce. Motion approved.

4) **PUBLIC COMMENT** (Public comments and discussion. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action will be taken. Personnel matters will not be heard in public comment. Public comment will generally be limited to 3-5 minutes per person.)

- Cynthia reported that we are gearing up for an Infection Control Survey by the State tomorrow or Monday. The surveyor will follow a housekeeper and wants to see all of our policies and procedures with regard to how we handle COVID-19. Because this is a scary time, the State wants to make sure that we are following all of the CDC recommendations.
- Vice Chair Safford inquired if we have the proper amount of PPE and masks and Cynthia replied that we received an order of washable masks and gowns from the prison. We also have another order of washable masks and gowns coming in through another source. We should also be receiving 250 3D printed face shields from Ford. The Federal stockpile at the state has dried up, but we have vendors through our purchasing group that we can order from. We are in a lot better position now that we have received the washable masks. When we do get a positive COVID case, the direct care personnel will begin wearing N95 masks.
- Vice Chair Safford asked how our test supply is. Cynthia replied that we received another 50 tests, so we have about 80.
- Cynthia explained that we are working with the county to set up an alternate site contingency plan should we need it and it is very similar to the one that Renown has set up in their parking garage. We will utilize the mass casualty equipment that the Pershing County Sheriff's Office has.
- Cynthia has also submitted a \$140,000.00 grant to the Pennington Foundation for an alternate site set-up due to COVID.
- We do not have ventilators and we are not getting them. We have an auto-vent that would get the patient to where they needed to be.
- We have a tent structure that was donated for our use by Coeur Rochester. It was set up behind the clinic for drive-thru testing.

5) **ADJOURN: For Possible Action – Meeting was adjourned by Chair Hultgren at 11:47 A.M.**