

JOINT GENERAL SERVICES AND HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

February 15, 2011

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisors Bussie, Beaver, Brill, Combs, Fizzell, Fox, Mawhinney and Owens

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Supervisors Heidenreich and Johnson

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Sherry Gunderson, Rock Haven Administrator; David Sudmeier, Controller; Brent Sutherland, Maintenance Manager; Randy Terronez and Nick Osborne, Assistants to County Administrator; Rob Leu, General Services Director; and Sandra Kraft, County Board Vice Chair.

OTHERS PRESENT: Kurt Berner and Kevin Higgs of The Samuel's Group, and Greg Zastrow of Eppstein-Uhen Architects.

CALL TO ORDER/APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Chair Bussie called the joint meeting of the Rock County General Services and Health Services Committees to order at 10:30 a.m. in N1/N2 of the Courthouse. Supervisors Mawhinney and Fox moved approval of the agenda. ADOPTED.

INTRODUCTION OF CITIZENS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Chair Bussie welcomed Supervisor Beaver as a new member of the Health Services Committee.

SAMUEL'S GROUP PRESENTATION ON ANALYSIS OF SCHEMATIC DESIGN - Mr. Berner distributed three handouts and reviewed them with committee members. The first gave an estimated project cost of \$39,034,153 for a 128-bed facility with an alternate HVAC system/Geo-Thermal system. Though Mr. Berner reports the model proposed by Eppstein-Uhen is already very cost effective, he feels a few more cost saving options might come to light during the design development phase. The second handout outlined project financing options for payback ranging from 10 to 20 years. The third handout gave a preliminary construction schedule showing construction beginning around September 1, 2011 and residents moving in some time in October, 2012.

Ms. Gunderson distributed a handout which included a variety of charts, one of which shows Rock Haven's tax levy has declined by approximately \$2 million since 2005 while its net assets have increased by about \$3 million. Another chart shows the proposed 4-neighborhood facility's tax levy would basically remain the same whether it had 96, 112, or 128 beds. The cost of operating each would vary by about \$2 million. A 96-bed facility with only three neighborhoods would cost about \$5 million less due to a decrease in square footage but would not differ in any way when comparing operational costs.

Ms. Gunderson reminded committee members that once beds were given up, they would be lost to the community forever. Ms. Gunderson is committed to having a facility that is operationally efficient yet financially viable and recommends the proposed 128-bed, four neighborhood nursing home would be just that. Private resident rooms would also allow more flexibility when admitting to help maintain an adequate payor source mix.

Chair Bussie asked for affirmations to proceed with the next phase. Discussion ensued with each committee member expressing their thoughts and concerns. Supervisor Brill made a motion to move ahead with the Design Development Phase. Supervisor Fizzell seconded the motion. The motion was ADOPTED on the following vote: Ayes - Supervisors Bussie, Fizzell, Fox, Beaver, Owens, Brill, Mawhinney. Nays - Supervisor Combs.

DISCUSSION FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE JOINT MEETING - It was not necessary to schedule another joint meeting at this time.

ADJOURNMENT - Supervisors Owens and Combs moved to adjourn the meeting. ADOPTED. The meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Terri Fena

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