



**Board of Commissioners  
Meeting Minutes  
Linkletter Hall  
February 2, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Board Secretary John Miles, MD in Linkletter Hall and was opened with the pledge of allegiance. Present were Commissioners John Beitzel, Arlene Engel, Jean Hordyk, Jim Leskinovitch, and John Nutter; Chief Executive Officer Eric Lewis; Chief Medical Officer R. Scott Kennedy, MD, Chief Nursing Officer Lorraine Wall, Administrative Director Donna Davison, Legal Counsel Craig Miller, public members, Executive Assistant Gay Lynn Iseri. Commissioner Jim Cammack was excused.

***Noise Action Reduction Group Update – Tanya Rutherford, Director Medical/Surgical/Pediatrics and Gretchen Souza, Supervisor Medical/Surgical/Pediatrics***

The Noise Reduction campaign was initiated February 1<sup>st</sup>. It was identified in a Noise Reduction Survey that voices from staff were the number one cause of noise on the unit. In addition, it was identified that reducing the volume of our voices was something that we could correct. Quiet zones are designated and everyone has the ability to ask people to reduce their noise level and create a conducive environment for patients to heal. Reducing the noise level is not the sole responsibility of the staff as many disciplines conduct business on the unit and noise reduction is a multidisciplinary goal. Patient satisfaction scores will also improve by making small behavioral adjustments. See attached presentation.

***Strategic Plan Update – Eric Lewis, Chief Executive Officer***

Mr. Lewis reviewed the 2010-2012 Strategic Plan priorities, eight strategies for financial viability, and status of goals. He then presented an overview of the 2011-2013 Strategic Plan including the three external factors affecting the new plan with the challenging economy, the healthcare reform bill passed in 2010, and electronic medical record requirements. Solutions to offset these factors were summarized and goals for the new plan were presented. See attached presentation.

Commissioner Leskinovitch added that tort reform and legislative changes need to occur and advocating with legislators is crucial at this time since 90% of the hospitals in the country are being paid more than OMC. He added OMC has the highest percentage of Medicare/Medicaid patients for any hospital in the state that is not designated a Critical Access Hospital. We also need to retain as many health care services locally as possible.

***Ventilators – Eric Lewis, Chief Executive Officer***

Mr. Lewis presented the request to purchase three ventilators in the Critical Care Unit. The current ventilators are currently safe, but will no longer be serviceable. The new ventilators will have advanced software that will be updateable and they will also have CO2 monitoring capability. This purchase will go before the next Board Budget and Audit Committee, then back to the full board for consideration. This request is being driven by a new pulmonologist on staff and will cost \$95,850. The budgeted amount is approximately \$91,000, with the additional CO2 monitoring function making up the price difference. The goal is to bring them online in April 2011 which will mean a long-term improvement in the CCU.

***Real Estate – Julie Rukstad, Chief Financial Officer***

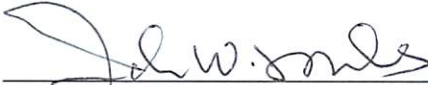
The transaction to purchase the gray house adjacent to the helipad across the street from the IT building on the bluff on Columbia Street was presented. Discussion ensued about the long term discussion with the owners to purchase this property at a fair price.

***MOTION:*** To approve the purchase of the property located at 1024 East Columbia, Port Angeles, WA 98362 at the total cost of THREE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$325,000) as presented. Reviewed and recommended from the Board Budget and Audit Committee. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

At 6:45 pm, the meeting was moved to executive session to discuss real estate by authority of RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) and personnel matters by authority of RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) for no more than thirty minutes with no formal action to follow. At 7:15 pm, the meeting was moved back to open session and finally adjourned.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 16th day of February 2011.

**ATTEST:**

  
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