

Nursing Home Building Advisory Committee
January 16, 2018

Present: Cedric Schnitzler, Pete Peterson, Nodji VanWychen, Wallace Habegger, Rod Sherwood, Linda Anderson, Jim Bialecki

Others: Garlynn Brookshaw, Tina Osterberg, Mary Von Ruden, Mary Cook, Kurt Marshaus, Jane Donaldson, Tom Martin, Bruce Humphrey, Pat Mulvaney, Michael Benello, Craig Otto, Sharon Folcey, Steve Rundio, Roger Gorius, Kirk Arity, Nellie Pater, Mary Von Ruden, Philip Stuart, Kevin Riley, Dean Peterson, Todd Fahning, Mark Sund

The meeting was called to order in the Monroe County Board Assembly Room at 10:30 a.m. by Chair Cedric Schnitzler.

- Nursing Home Site Discussion/Action – Chair Cedric Schnitzler opened the floor for discussion.

Supervisor Pete Peterson asked for the City of Tomah to have an opportunity to speak on behalf of the Tomah Site. Roger Gorius, City of Tomah Administrator spoke regarding the Tomah Memorial Hospital Site. There is potential for creation of a TID and the city is willing to invest \$250,000.00 for the land to be provided to the county. The city would also bring utilities to the site. The city is looking to create a viable option for the county.

Philip Stuart, Tomah Memorial Hospital explained that the hospital board is willing to work with the city and county to move forward with the project if it makes sense. Philip explained the status of the current homes along with the knoll on the property. Retention ponds were discussed.

Todd Fahning, City of Sparta Administrator explained that the city is in full support of the nursing home. The Water & Sewer Agreement has been approved unanimously by the City Council and is currently being reviewed by Monroe County. Andrew Kaftan, Corporation Counsel explained that the Water & Sewer Agreement will be looked at with the City Attorney regarding clarification of the annexation portion and doesn't see the water and sewer as an issue.

Concerns brought forth with the Rolling Hills Sparta site is the booster station and water mains.

Tom Martin of Community Living Solutions explained that the process of changing to the Tomah site would take months which could place the start of construction into 2019.

Concerns with the Tomah site are the historical cost increases per year in net construction, site evaluation, reconfiguration of the facility, market study and current bonding schedule.

Andrew Kaftan, Corporation Counsel explained that the bond sale is set for next Wednesday. The bond resolution didn't specify the Sparta vs Tomah site. Bonding is not advisable at this point if there is a change in the project timeline. Current resolutions specify the Sparta site.

Linda Anderson, Nursing Home Administrator thanked everyone for being interested in the Monroe County Facility. Her concern is the timeline and keeping the facility operational until the new facility is built.

A market study of the Tomah site is anticipated to take six weeks to complete. A resolution would need to be drafted for approval of the funds.

Motion by Pete Peterson to postpone making a decision on site location for 60 days. It was explained that by board resolution, a site selection has already been made.

It was an overall consensus to come up with numbers within a 60 day timeframe to better evaluate the actual Tomah site costs. This will involve a market study and also architect evaluation.

- Motion by Pete Peterson second by Rod Sherwood to adjourn at 12:04 p.m. Carried 7-0.

Shelley Bohl, County Clerk/Recorder