



COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
September 8, 2020

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Toni Wissestad, Chair
Mary VonRuden, Vice Chair
Alan McCoy, Member
Adam Balz, Member
Wally Habegger, Member

RESOURCE PERSONS:

Linda Smith, Administrator
Garlynn Brookshaw, Business Services Director
Tina Osterberg, Monroe County Administrator
Tom Martin, Community Living Solutions
Cedric Schnitzler, Monroe County Board Chair
Remy Gomez, Monroe County Supervisor

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call** - The meeting called to order by T. Wissestad at 4:00 p.m.
Roll call: T. Wissestad, here; M. VonRuden, here; A. McCoy, here; A. Balz, here; and W. Habegger, here.
2. **Public Comment – None**
3. **Building Project –**
 - A. **August County Board Meeting Follow-Up** – T. Wissestad stated the purpose of this meeting is to discuss the outcome of the county board decision on the resolution last month. T. Wissestad asked to open this item up for discussion on everyone's thoughts and what our next step should be. A. Balz asked if there is any information on maybe that a supervisor may be requesting to bring the resolution back to the full county board this month. C. Schnitzler stated there is no one at this time that has stated their desire to bring the resolution back to the floor. C. Schnitzler commented that Corporation Counsel informed that the resolution can come back to the full county board and it doesn't have to come from any committee. C. Schnitzler pointed out that it can be brought back month after month after month. A McCoy questioned the number of potential residents that we take that others do not accept. L. Smith stated we don't keep track but could research this further. T. Wissestad requested following up on what Kerry Sullivan Flock was referring to in regard to the approximate number of patients that were turned away from other facilities. T. Wissestad commented we need to inform other of what services we provide to the community.



B. Resolution Allocating Use of General Fund Reserves for Rolling Hills Nursing Home and Senior Living Facility Design and Construction Bid Documents – T. Wissestad informed this resolution is to get the real numbers we need to move forward on the building project. T. Osterberg apprised the approximate cost of moving forward to get these numbers is \$765,567. T. Osterberg stated her thought process was to get us through the bid to get exact numbers and then we will know exactly what the cost to build will be. This would be the dollar amount specific to design, planning, bid, construction, etc. W. Habegger asked if the county is responsible for placement of these residents if the home is no longer in existence. L. Smith stated that yes for some residents the county would have a responsibility to pay for a portion of their stay.

T. Martin, CLS, stated him and Duane Helwig, CLS, have looked at the different options of the building. T. Martin commented they are going to work to add alternatives to the bid documents that would remove the RCAC apartments and present a future phase-in. He will also include an option for a 62 bed nursing home and 12 CBRF alternative in addition to the original design. T. Martin affirmed they will give the board options that provide the most flexibility.

W. Habegger stated he feels this is a good resolution to keep us going. T. Wissestad affirmed based on what other supervisors are looking for in real numbers that this resolution will help us move forward.

A. Balz questioned the projected cost of remodeling and upgrading the boilers. L. Smith stated the numbers are now probably more inflated but it was over \$20 million. Her concerns are the generator at \$250,000, roof sections, HVAC system, asbestos flooring in multiple sections, plumbing projects, etc.

Remy Gomez entered the meeting at 4:28 p.m.

R. Gomez questioned what hurdles we have to overcome. R. Gomez stressed the importance of more knowledge and due diligence. R. Gomez stated a RFP, Request for Proposal, to privatize should be considered. T. Wissestad commented that this would be a step back. R. Gomez expressed he feels we are at step one and his constituents would like to see the RFP or a resolution to build a 40 bed nursing home in Tomah and a 40 bed nursing home in Sparta. R. Gomez stated another referendum should be put on the ballot November 4th. L. Smith stated that there are some county homes that have sold and the outcome has been poor for the county. L. Smith informed the committee that privatization may get the initial tax burden off of the tax payers, however, it puts other burdens on the county. L. Smith commented that families moved their



loved ones from county homes that went private due to the change in care. L. Smith apprised some county homes that went private have gone into bankruptcy. L. Smith expressed that, yes it is a challenging time, but do we really want to gamble with the residents and families healthcare.

Motion made by W. Habegger, seconded by M. VonRuden, to approve to forward on the Resolution Allocating Use of General Fund Reserves for Rolling Hills Nursing Home and Senior Living Facility Design and Construction Bid Documents. Vote 5-0. Motion carried.

T. Wissestad asked if this is the only resolution that will be brought back

A. Balz questioned if the resolution is approved, how soon will the design and bid plans be ready. T. Martin replied that we already did the preliminary planning so what is left to do will have the full committee involvement with updates to full county board.

T. Wissestad asked if the board as a whole needs to vote to move forward with RFP for privatization and would it be confined to the board. C. Schnitzler replied a two-step process will be needed with the board as a whole having to approve it first then it would be put out for proposals that would come back to the full county board to vote on. T. Osterberg reiterated the resolution for RFP would need to be a directive from a committee with a majority vote to approve the resolution.

4. Adjournment - Motion made by M. VonRuden, seconded by W. Habegger, to adjourn the meeting at 4:52 pm. Vote 5-0. Motion carried.

Submitted by
Garlynn Brookshaw