

**RSA BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**July 16, 2020**  
**12:30 PM – Alpine Bank Conference Room Ridgway, CO**

1. Meeting Called to Order at 12:32pm. Present: *Board Members:* Vonnie Kuijvenhoven, Joey Huddleston, Craig Hinkson, Coleen Mc Elroy, Bill Halterman *Staff:* Karla Cline  
*Provider:* Susie Blakney, Jackie Hardin, Dr. Joel Gates
2. Review of Agenda – COVID testing for First Responders
3. Public Input – NONE
4. Approval of June 18,2020 Minutes: Coleen moved to accept minutes as presented, seconded Joey; MOTION TO ACCEPT JUNE 18, 2020 MINUTES. MOTION PASSED.
5. Medical Provider Input
  - a. Introduction of Jackie Hardin, new employee at MMC.
  - b. EMS transition update: things are moving pretty well. Everyone feels like they are learning the new system and their own job. Not at the place where they are cross training and know other people’s job. Can’t yet say if the new system is better or worse than the old. Things that they can’t do are more an issue of not knowing how to do them, rather than an issue of the system. Overall, the atmosphere about the EMR transition is positive. People’s attitude is upbeat. The new system has not gone down once. Josie is still interacting with Allscripts. Allscripts has been down several times and so the issues with Allscripts continue. Costs of getting out of Allscripts contract continue to be negotiated. August 1<sup>st</sup> looks to be the drop date when MMC loses access. Looks like \$800 will be the last bill.
  - c. MMC is losing Gates girls who are going off to college. This is causing a rethink about how COVID is being handled at MMC. Car visits will not be possible during the winter. Not feasible financially for dedicated staff person to be waiting for COVID patients to screen. Conundrum is that we have a healthy population coming to MMC that needs to be kept healthy but MMC is also the place where people need to come who are exhibiting COVID symptoms. Signage will be provided with number for patients to text and go through screening process. Doors will then be opened for people as they are called in. E Clinical is developing system called HELO and already has a KIOSK program. These would aid in “check in” and allow some screening to take place remotely. Neither of these systems are fully functional yet. Sick visits will likely be moved to ER room to avoid having them walk through the whole building. Bree is moving to tele visits only so there will be only 2 providers in the building.
    - i. Discussion around what can be done to the building itself to help accommodate the flow of patients and the need for an Isolation Room. The current ER might be a possibility. Joey notes that for EMS the sliding

doors would be preferable for an ER entrance. HIPPA concerns also need to be considered. Coleen suggests having an architect look at the building to give thoughts on how the space could be structured to keep healthy patients away from sick patients. Joey comments that there is an area within the “business office” that seems underutilized and might be used for check out. Coleen suggests putting the break room in the current ER which would allow the whole other side of the building to be walled off. The sliding glass doors could be used as the ER area and the COVID patients use the current break room door and create an isolation room. A separate HVAC system would likely need to be used for the isolation room. Joey also mentions UV light being used in the duct work as a disinfectant.

- ii. First Responder COVID Testing- Public Health has tests for free. Now tests are taking 12 days. QWEST tests are also available. There have been about 70 tests done at MMC, with 4 positives
- iii. Nathan the Behavioral Health Specialists who has been at MMC for 3 years, was funded by a grant with TCHN which end June 30<sup>th</sup>. Nathan is now at MMC 1 day a week. BH position does not self-sustain.

#### 6. Old Business

- a. Mill Levy Initiative: Vonnie requested the board revisit its decision regarding mill levy. Vonnie felt that keeping mill levy at current level of .25 was the “easy” route which gave it the greatest likelihood it would succeed. However, .25 does not allow us to meet current needs and causes us to draw down reserves significantly each year.
  - i. Craig asks why we should seek higher mill. Vonnie replies that .25 get us through 10 years but leaves us with no savings at the end of this period. Also, projects could take significant portions of RSA savings
  - ii. Colleen notes that we do not HAVE to take the funds each year. However, having it and not needing it is a much better place than needing it and not having it.
  - iii. Joey notes that we could also ask for additional mil later if we need
  - iv. Population will likely increase in the county
  - v. Craig felt that if the .25 passes, we are safe. It is like insurance. If our need turns out to be greater, we can go back and ask for more.
  - vi. Bill feels that we are “cutting it close” with .25, and that COVID presents a lot of unknowns that may bring unforeseen cost.

MOTION TO SEEK 3/8 MILL LEVY FOR 10 YEARS, Joey motioned, Coleen seconded, 3 in favor, 2 opposed. MOTION PASSED.

- b. Action Item Review:
  - i. Everything accomplished

- ii. Mountain Mechanical is not being responsive
- iii. Letter regarding ballot initiative signed and will be submitted to County

7. Report from Administrator

Calendar Review

- July 24, 2020- Inform County of intent to participate in election
- July 30, 2020- Publish Call for Nominations in Plaindealer
- August 24, 2020 – Last day for Agreement Concerning Election Services can be signed and submitted
- August 28, 2020 – Call for Nominations Due
- September 18, 2020 – file written comment for ballot issue notice
- September 21, 2020 – submit full text of ballot issue

*Budget development has typically begun in August. How shall we proceed this year?*

- Discussion around budget development. Consensus is that our budget is pretty straightforward with most line items stable. We can develop a skeleton and then wait to see the results of the election to determine income.
- Board feels it might be good to post the budget on the website

Correspondence

- State Auditor – 2019 Exemption from Audit approved. Legal notice printed in Plaindealer 7/16/2020
- Michelle Nauer- letter of intent needs to be submitted to County. This will trigger Intergovernmental Agreement to be sent. This agreement covers BOTH board election and ballot measure.
- Bill & Joey – RSA website updated with Bill's bio

Financial Statements – In Dropbox

Invoices/Checks

- Allscripts
- EClinicalWorks
- Quality Health Network
- Mountain West Insurance

RSA invoice to MMC for January – June 2020 qualifying expenses

MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF INVOICES AS PRESENTED. Bill moved, Craig seconds,  
MOTION PASSED

8. New Business

- a. Designation of Election Official

- i. Already designated in January 2020 in Resolution 2020-01
  - b. Intergovernmental Agreements
    - i. Once letter of intent is submitted to County, County will send Intergovernmental Agreements out. This is a time sensitive document
    - ii.
  - c. Plans for promoting RSA mill levy initiative
    - i. Vonnie requests that each member consider how we can get the word out to the public
    - ii. Plaindealer could be utilized
    - iii. "Friends of the RSA": donations for a direct mail piece
    - iv. Meet the Candidates Night
    - v. TV screen in MMC
    - vi. SMPA insert (Joey)
    - vii. Bulk mailing costs/ Mailboxes Etc. (Coleen)
- 9. Next Meeting:
  - a. August 20, 2020 Board Meeting at **12:30 pm**, Alpine Bank, Ridgway, CO
  - b. Work session: NOT NEEDED
  - c. Discussion around ZOOM meetings
- 10. Adjourn: AJOURNED AT 2:26 PM

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