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The Morrow County School District of Heppner, Oregon invites proposals for the Heppner High School Mechanical project. The District is seeking a vendor to assist with up to four separate components, with the first priority being replacement of an existing boiler and possible updating of an existing DDC control system. Contractors shall comply with ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870 relating to the payment of prevailing wages. Project information, contract documents, and other materials are at the office of the InterMountain Education Service District, 2001 SW Nye Avenue, Pendleton, OR 97801. Copies may also be obtained by contacting Scott Rogers, Director of Facilities and Support Services for the InterMountain ESD, at said address, or by telephone at 541-966-3225. Proposals must be sealed and conform to all requirements contained within the project documents, must be accompanied by a bid security as required by ORS 279C.365(4) in the amount of 5% of the amount of the proposal, and must be delivered to

the attention of the Morrow County School District, ATTN: Janice Huddleston, Maintenance Coordinator, at 235 E. Stansbury, Heppner, Oregon, 97836 by Monday, August 5, 2013 at 3:00 PM. Proposals will be publically opened at the Morrow County School District on Tuesday, August 6, 2013, at 3:00 PM. Faxed and electronic proposals will not be accepted. There will be a mandatory walk through/conference at the Heppner High School, 710 NW Morgan Street, Heppner, Oregon 97836, on Tuesday, July 9, 2013 at 10:00 AM. Statements made by the Morrow County School District's agents at the conference are not binding upon the School District unless confirmed by Written Addendum. The Morrow County School District may reject any proposal not in compliance with all prescribed public procurement procedures and requirements, and may reject for good cause any or all proposals upon a finding that it is in the public interest to do so. Published: June 26, 2013 Affidavit

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HEALTH DISTRICT NEWS

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He recommended that the district begin recruiting a new physician with the goal of having one in place within the next year or two and, once a new doctor is on board, then beginning recruiting a new physician's assistant or nurse practitioner. He advised against hiring a headhunter for physician recruitment because of the cost entailed, at least unless the search is unsuccessful after six months.

According to the "provider succession planning" paper Grigg supplied, the annual cost of hiring a full-time physician was estimated at \$300,000; however, annual collections generated are estimated at \$1.154 million. The annual cost of a full-time physician's assistant or a nurse practitioner is at \$140,000 with annual collections at \$490,000. He estimated recruitment costs at around \$35,000.

Grigg said that Morrow County is currently designated as a "Health Professional Shortage Area," with Irrigon and Boardman considered underserved. Heppner is not considered underserved, however. Grigg also said that Medicaid enrollment is expected to increase 28 percent beginning Jan. 1, with the district possibly seeing

more uninsured patients. The increases are expected as a result of the "Affordable Health Care Act" or ObamaCare.

Grigg said MCHD providers see an average of 7.3 patients per day, with MCHD providers generally spending more time with patients than average.

Also at the meeting, the board adopted a \$10,475,758 budget for fiscal year 2013-14 with \$5,896,867 for personal services; \$2,358,726 for materials and supplies; \$1,301,401 for revenue deductions and bad debt; \$607,340 for capital purchases; \$261,424 for capital lease and loan reduction; and \$50,000 for community benefit grants. The board also imposed taxes for the district for the 2013-14 year at the rate of .6050 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value for operations and .3900 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value for the local option tax for operations.

In other business, the board received an invitation from Cyde Estes, chair of the Morrow County Unified Recreation District, to attend a conversation concerning the Columbia River Enterprise Zone intergovernmental agreement set for July 25 at the Port of Morrow Wells Spring Room in Boardman.



MCHD CEO Dan Grigg and Chief Financial Officer Nicole Mahoney show off a new exam room at the Irrigon Medical Clinic. -Photo by April Sykes

The enterprise zone committee, CREZII, allows certain business to locate at the Port with payments to CREZII in lieu of taxes, thereby taking them off the county tax rolls for years. Estes said that the fees already negotiated by the enterprise zone "may soon amount to millions of dollars."

"This is another case where Irrigon has been left out," said David Burns, Irrigon mayor and MCHD Board member.

-approved authorization of VISA accounts for use by administrators and management staff.

-planned an informational meeting for district employees concerning whether they would vote to accept the Morrow County Health District Retirement Plan or continue with Social Security.

-authorized the county treasurer to invest MCHD funds for 2013-14.

-approved a change to the medical staff by-laws concerning the terms for appointment to the medical staff.

-learned from Grigg that Pioneer Memorial Clinic received a perfect survey from the Oregon Health Authority for a CMS Rural Health Clinic survey. He reported that the clinic will be re-accredited and continue to be eligible for CMS funding as a Rural Health Clinic. "It was actually a perfect survey," said Grigg. "It was great news."

-received a report concerning the Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organi-

zation, which has finalized membership on its governing board. The governing board includes Diane Kilkenny, Heppner, of the Morrow County Health Department, as a member of the community at large. The Coordinated Care Organization, which includes both GOBHI (Greater Oregon Behavioral Health) and ODS (Oregon Medicaid) as organizational entities, will eventually supervise Medicaid dollars, which will be allocated for the care of patients for health, dental, and psychological care, including preventative care and prescription drugs.

-approved recredentialing files for Dr. Adams, Dr. Betsy Anderson; and postponed approving recredentialing for Dr. Ken Wenberg until a June 30 deadline when specific paperwork must be received by the district in order for him to have hospital privileges.

-approved a scribe policy which gives medical students direction concerning what they can and can't dictate working in a non-paid capacity for the district.

-received a profit/loss statement for May from Mahoney which showed \$683,560 in gross patient revenue; \$28,284 for bad debts, \$118,601 for contractual and other adjustments; \$116,118 in tax revenue and \$31,828 in other operating revenue for \$684,620 in total operating revenue; \$684,307 in total operating expenses and \$17,028 for a non-operating gain for a \$17,342 gain for the month.

New banner to represent Morrow County at state fair



Members of the Sew Fantastic 4-H Club in Ione recently undertook the challenge of sewing a new banner to represent Morrow County at the Oregon State Fair 4-H building. All 36 Oregon county banners will be on display at Oregon State University later this week at the upcoming 4-H Summer Conference. Shown with banner are (L-R): Mackenzie Heideman, Morgan Orem, Malinda Morter, and Madison Orem. Members not pictured are Payton Miller and Jill Rudolf. -Contributed photo

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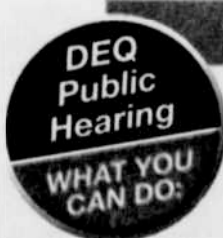
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Groups that oppose all coal projects will be vocal during the public comment period. That's why it's crucial for supporters to speak out now.

DEQ's decision to issue draft permits demonstrates that the project meets Oregon's standards. It should not be denied final permits because of politics.

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Morrow Pacific Project Fact:

The project represents a total capital investment of \$242 million in Oregon. It will create more than 2,100 construction-related jobs and more than 1,000 operations-related jobs.

Source: ECONorthwest Economic Impact Analysis, May 2012

