

PUBLIC NOTICE

COUNTY OF MORROW FINANCIAL SERVICES FOR A NEW GOVERNMENT BUILDING

INVITATION TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS, Proposals Due: 3:00 p.m., December 18, 2020 .. The County of Morrow, Oregon is requesting proposals from Banking firms to provide financing services for a new Government Facility. The Banking firm will be responsible for working with the Morrow County Team to assist in making recommendations on all aspects of the proposed financing. The New Government Facility is estimated to be 13,262 square feet with a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$6.85 million. To be considered, interested parties must submit their proposals in accordance with the requirements set forth in the Request for Proposals (RFP). Responses will be reviewed, scored, and ranked according to the criteria and process defined in the RFP. The Banking firm selected will be the most qualified as determined through the evaluation process. The RFP is available on the Morrow County website, <https://www.co.morrow.or.us/rfps>. If, after downloading and reading the information provided in the RFP you have inquiries, please contact Darrell Green, County Administrator, via e-mail (dgreen@co.morrow.or.us) or at (541) 676-2529, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Proposals shall be submitted in accordance with instructions in the RFP. Responses received after the designated closing date and time will not be opened or reviewed. The County may reject any response not in compliance with all prescribed solicitation procedures and requirements and other applicable law, and may reject any or all responses in whole or in part when the cancellation or rejection is in the best interest of the County, and at no cost to the County. 11-25-2c

WOLF DEPREDAATION ASSISTANCE

Livestock producers seeking financial assistance for implementing methods that limit wolf-livestock interaction, need to obtain an application to request funds. Applications can be found on the Morrow County website, Wolf Depredation Advisory Committee page at: www.co.morrow.or.us/bc-wdac. These applications need to be completed and received by the Morrow County Wolf Depredation Advisory Committee by Tuesday, December 8, 2020, 4:00 p.m., as the committee will meet that evening to start the review process. There are several options for submitting applications, all of which must be received by the above due date: drop off at the Bartholomew Building, Room 201, 110 N. Court St., Heppner; mail to Morrow County, P.O. Box 788, Heppner, OR 97836; or email to rlutcher@co.morrow.or.us. Compensation can be requested for bone pile removal and/or burial, fladry, range riders or other preventive measures. Questions? Call Roberta Lutchter at 541-676-5613. Published October 7 & 14, November 4 and December 2, 2020

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Houser agrees to stay on temporarily

Morrow County Health District CEO Bob Houser has agreed to stay on as head of the district until February if necessary, after the board was unable to find a replacement for him.

The board has reached a dead end in replacing Houser, who was slated to retire at the end of December. MCHD Chairman John Murray told the Gazette that two of the board's top picks for CEO dropped out of contention and another would be hired only on a temporary basis.

In good news for the district however, Chief Financial Officer Nicole Mahoney told the board that MCHD could receive nearly \$6 million as a result of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act passed by Congress and into law March 27. Provider Relief Funding for MCHD includes \$388,830 general distribution, \$3,476,015 in rural distribution and \$148,384 for RHC Testing for a total of \$4,013,229. Mahoney said that an additional \$1,788,357 loan received on April 21 from the Paycheck Protection Program will be forgiven, for a total of \$5,801,586. Mahoney stipulated however, the monies would be received "unless the governor (Kate Brown) shuts it down."

Houser said he was in the process of registering Pioneer Memorial Hospital as a COVID vaccination program center. "Doses of the vaccine, when available, will be shipped to the hospital where it will be distributed to at least three vaccination pods throughout the county," said Houser. "We are working with Public Health in setting up frequency of distributions according to availability of vaccine. Our initial shipment will be 975 doses for



Bob Houser

Tier I healthcare workers, front line staff. . ." Houser said that the vaccinations will be a two-shot series.

The meeting also included a somewhat contentious response to a report presented by Lauren Harris of Harris Healthcare Consulting via Zoom that reported the Irrigon Health Care Clinic, also operated by the district, basically showed better employee satisfaction than the MCHD clinic in Heppner. The board, headed up by Chair John Murray, intends to receive more input from Harris, and work to resolve the possible issues at PMC.

In other business, the board: -approved physician privileges for Providence Telestroke providers Dr. James Wang and Dr. James Giles.

-received a report from Chief Nursing Officer Jamie Houck, RN.

-heard a report from Patti Allstott, Human Resources director, who said four people had been hired since the October board meeting. She said they are currently continuing recruiting for an information services director, an informatics analyst, a receptionist at Pioneer Memorial Clinic, a purchasing/central supply clerk to replace Pennie Miller who will retire in the spring; and a community relations and communications direct to replace Katie Murray. She said one person transferred from a receptionist position at PMC to the same position at IMC.

-the laboratory earlier reported the district has over 1,000 COVID tests from the state and has done over 1,200 rapid tests.

-discussed a memo from Eric Volk of WIPFLI concerning the CARES Funding Revenue Recognition and Timing and employee retirement contributions.

-approved the purchase of a new Digital Reader system for Radiology for \$55,000, with a grant of \$27,550 and the remaining from cash on hand.

-received the following profit/loss statement through October from Mahoney: The district had \$1,258,906 in gross patient revenue, \$178,589 in revenue deductions; \$185,460 in tax revenue for \$1,285,266 in total operating revenue; \$1,397,421 in total operating expenses, a \$102,180 non-operating gain for a loss of \$9,974 for the month.

-heard from Houser that he met with Rusty Estes and Mike Hughes, Boardman Fire Chief concerning transports, with Hughes stressing the Boardman Fire Department did not want to take over the Boardman Ambulance Service.

-learned from Houser that he and Dr. Russ Nichols met with Dr. Emily (Thompson) Jack concerning her possible employment with the district. Houser said she would be at PMH January 4-10 to work with the providers. The board subsequently approved paying Jack a \$1,000 per month stipend for 18 months to begin in January, in addition to the previously approved signing bonus. Jack is currently completing her residency in Boise. The board also approved exploring an increase in current clinic providers' compensation.

-learned from Houser that Eileen McElligott, FNP, will be working in the Ione Clinic an extra day after the first of the year, tentatively set for Mondays and Thursdays.

-heard from Houser the MRI vendor will only come to Heppner once a month instead of the current every other week schedule due to the small number of scans conducted

-received a report from Houser concerning a request from the Columbia River Enterprise Zone (CREZ II) Board asking how the 2019 funds from CREZ were spent. He said MCHD asked for \$250 thousand, of which \$150 thousand was for the Irrigon Ambulance garage and \$100 thousand for the new clinic project in Heppner. MCHD received \$189,882.86 from CREZ II.

-received the following report: Pioneer Memorial Hospital had six admissions in October, three swing bed skilled admissions, eight admissions for observation, 809 total outpatients, 95 emergency room encounters, 1,973 lab tests, 105 x-ray/ultrasound tests, 46 CT scans, nine MRI scans,

37 EKG tests, one lower endoscopy procedure, one upper endoscopy procedure, 39 respiratory therapy encounters.

-received the following clinic reports for October: Pioneer Memorial Clinic in Heppner had 355 patient visits with 17 new patients, 53 seen by a nurse, 11 no-shows and 45 cancellations; Irrigon Medical Clinic had 404 patient visits, with nine new patients, 203 seen by a nurse and 34 no-shows; Lone Community Clinic had 42 patient visits, 24 seen by a nurse and one no-show.

-received the following ambulance report: Heppner Ambulance had 32 page outs with 24 transports for \$36,040 in revenue; Boardman Ambulance had 31 page outs with 22 transports for \$46,161 in revenue; Irrigon Ambulance had 36 page-outs with 18 transports for \$29,024 in revenue; Ione Ambulance had three page-outs and one transport for \$1,684 in revenue. There were six life flights.

-received the following Home Health report: 129 patient visits for October; Hospice had two admissions and one death.

-received the report that Pharmacy had 2,305 drug doses for \$107,960 in revenue.

-received a 2021 board meeting calendar as follows with meetings beginning at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated: January 25, Ione Community Church; February 22, PMC Conference Room, Heppner, 6 p.m. dinner, 6:30 p.m. board meeting; March 29, Sand Hollow Room, Port of Morrow, Boardman; April 26, MCGG Conference Room, Lexington; May 24, 6 p.m. dinner, 6:30 p.m. meeting, PMC Conference Room, Heppner; June 28, 6 p.m. dinner, 6:30 p.m. board meeting, Irrigon Medical Clinic; July 26, Ione Community Church; August 30, dinner 6 p.m., meeting 6:30 p.m., PMC Conference Room, Heppner; September 27, Sand Hollow Room, Boardman; October 22, dinner 6 p.m., meeting 6:30 p.m., Irrigon Medical Clinic; November 29, dinner 6 p.m., meeting 6:30 p.m., PMC Conference Room, Heppner; December 27 meeting undetermined at this time.

DEADLINE: MONDAYS AT 5PM

Morrow County Health Department
Heppner, Boardman and Ione offices will be closed Tuesday, December 8th thru Thursday, December 10th for training.

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