

League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report Form

Name of Agency: Pullman Regional Hospital Date: 10-03-18
Observer Reporting: Judy Stone Length of Meeting: 2 hours _____
Members Present/Absent: Grantham present by telephone
Others Present (i.e., media, public): City: Mayor Johnson, Adam Lincoln; Pullman Schools: Superintendent Maxwell, Director Rotolo; MPDN – Katie Short

Business: Prior to a public comment period, CEO Scott Adams made a presentation about “The Next Era of Excellence” proposed by the Hospital. <https://pullmanregional.org/about-us/next-era>

This project includes the development/implementation of:

A community wide health record system.

Centralized scheduling.

Coordinated visits with all providers being on one campus.

A community survey conducted by the hospital in the summer indicated strong community support for this proposal. The building would house women’s and pediatric health services, and a physicians’ residency program.

The plan: A 3-story, 45,000 square foot, \$40 million building erected next to the hospital.

Financing: An April, 2019 levy to replace the expiring 2001 levy, at the same rate of not more than \$1/\$1k value.

Public comment: **No one** attended to speak. One email was read citing the need to expand the taxing district so that not only Pullman residents would be paying for services the entire county would use.

The City and School District were invited to the meeting to give their input on the plan. “Levy fatigue” was a concern by all.

Mayor Johnson: He reinforced that Pullman population is growing by 1.5%/year; asked what money the hospital would be putting into this project; and asked about the inclusion of mental health services.

CFO Steve Febus answered by saying the hospital does not currently have funds to put forward, having recently updated the surgery department, built a new SDS unit, and subsidizes almost all of the medical practices in Pullman.

The Mayor advised the hospital make the public quite aware of these recent expenditures when they present this levy request to the community.

Superintendent Maxwell: He also confirmed the expectation of continued growth in Pullman and will most likely be proposing a Bond in 2021 to expand Lincoln Middle School. He explained the school uses tech, enrichment, and general levies to finance building that has occurred every year he has been in Pullman.