

League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report

Name of Agency: Pullman Regional Hospital Date: 6-5-19
Observer Reporting: Judy Stone Length of Meeting: 1.5 hrs.
Members Present/Absent: All present
Others Present (i.e., media, public): Several dept. heads; Evergreen reporter

Meeting Content:

The new addition to the ***Same Day Surgery Unit*** will open on June 10, doubling the current beds.

The **high school athletics program** managed by area orthopedic docs and sports trainers has added 'athlete intelligence' – a sports data and analytics program that provides athletic staff with head-impact data that is intended to improve techniques, manage head-impact exposure, and help reduce the risk of injuries, through sensors placed inside helmets and on headbands. This program will debut at Pullman High School – for football and girls soccer.

The Board of Commissioners held a special meeting on May 31 to discuss how to go forward with the hospital's **Next Era of Excellence Program**/funding. Highlights:

- The bond failed due to low voter turnout which they expect will be corrected by a fall ballot measure.
- Should the amount of the bond be reduced? – No, "the hospital would be unable to provide the quality of care that the community of Pullman wants."
- Should the Hospital District boundaries be expanded to mirror the Pullman School district? Good idea but lawyer says unlikely.
- Change "one-stop care" to "care coordination" and "pavilion" to "addition".
- Need to address "tax fatigue".

Process & Protocol: (Observations about participants and procedures of the meeting)

Visitors are always introduced and welcomed. All commissioners actively participate.