

PAJARO VALLEY HEALTH CARE DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Hybrid – Community Room at the City
of Watsonville & Virtual/Teleconference

275 Main Street, Watsonville CA

5:00 p.m.

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September 1, 2022

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INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **CONSIDERATION OF LATE ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**
3. **WATSONVILLE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL ACQUISITION UPDATE**
Recommendation(s):
Consider presentation on the status of the Watsonville Community Hospital acquisition.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
Any person may address the Board during its Public Comment period. Speakers must not exceed two (2) minutes in length, or the time limit established by the Chair, and individuals may speak only once during Public Comment. All Public Comments must be directed to an item listed on today's Consent Agenda, Closed Session Agenda, yet to be heard on Regular Agenda, or a topic not on the agenda that is within the jurisdiction of the Board. Board members will not take actions or respond immediately to any public communication presented regarding topics not on the agenda but may choose to follow up later, either individually, or on a subsequent Board of Director's Agenda. Public Comments will normally be received by the Board for a period not to exceed thirty (30) minutes. If, at the end of this period, additional persons wish to address the Board, the Public Comment period may be continued to the last item on the agenda.
5. **ACTION ON THE CONSENT AGENDA (ITEMS 8-10)**
6. **REPORT BACK OF AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE BOARD (IF NECESSARY)**

REGULAR AGENDA

7. **BOARD MEMBER AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS TO PLACE ITEMS ON A FUTURE AGENDA**

CONSENT AGENDA

8. **AB361 Resolution Authorizing Teleconference Meetings**

Recommended Action(s):

- a) Adopt resolution making findings and ordering the use of teleconference meetings of the Board of Directors due to COVID-19, pursuant to the requirements of Assembly Bill 361; and
- b) Direct Interim District Administrative Staff to return within 30 days with a new resolution addressing the need to continue holding teleconference meetings consistent with the requirements of Assembly Bill 361.

9. **Appoint Steven Salyer as Chief Executive Officer of the Pajaro Valley Health Care District, as of September 1, 2022.**

Recommended Action(s):

Appoint Steven Salyer, CEO of Pajaro Valley Health Care District Hospital Corporation (PVHCDHC), dba Watsonville Community Hospital (WCH), as CEO of the Pajaro Valley Health Care District, as of September 1, 2022

10. **Approve Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) as Authorized Signers**

Recommended Action(s):

Approve the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of Pajaro Valley Health Care District Hospital Corporation (PVHCDHC), dba Watsonville Community Hospital (WCH), to sign checks and act as authorized signers on all WCH bank accounts.

- **End of Consent Agenda** -

From: Interim District Administrative Staff
Subject: Watsonville Community Hospital Acquisition Update
Meeting Date: September 1, 2022

Recommended Actions

Consider presentation on the status of the Watsonville Community Hospital acquisition.

Executive Summary

Ownership of the Watsonville Community Hospital is in the process of being transferred to the Pajaro Valley Health Care District (“the District”), operated by the Pajaro Valley Health Care District Hospital (“the Nonprofit”). This update will cover the status of acquiring the Watsonville Community Hospital. There are no board actions recommended with this item.

Background

In fall of 2021, the Pajaro Valley Health Care District Project, as the buyer, and the Sellers entered into an asset purchase agreement (the “Asset Purchase Agreement”) for the purpose of arranging for the acquisition of the Watsonville Community Hospital by the District or the affiliate of the District (i.e., the Nonprofit) through the bankruptcy process. The Nonprofit will convey to the District a substantial portion of the assets that comprise the Hospital, subject to the Nonprofit’s reservation of the rights, powers and responsibilities necessary to be the licensed operator of the Hospital. This action will accomplish the District’s “acquisition” of the Hospital assets as required by Senate Bill 418. The bankruptcy court deadline for the completion of the sale transaction is August 31, 2022.

Analysis

The acquisition of the Watsonville Community hospital will prevent the Hospital from shutting down and provide continuity of clinical services to the Watsonville Community.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact associated with this update.

From: Interim District Administrative Staff

Subject: AB 361 Resolution Authorizing Teleconference Meetings

Meeting Date: September 1, 2022

Recommended Actions:

- a) Adopt resolution making findings and ordering the use of teleconference meetings of the Board of Directors due to COVID-19, pursuant to the requirements of Assembly Bill 361; and
- b) Direct Interim District Administrative Staff to return within 30 days with a new resolution addressing the need to continue holding teleconference meetings consistent with the requirements of Assembly Bill 361.

Executive Summary

As a result of the continuing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, many local agencies have been holding teleconference meetings under the modified rules authorized under Assembly Bill 361. This item asks the Board to adopt a resolution ordering the use of teleconference meetings under the modified rules. This will allow District Board members to appear at meetings remotely if they choose to do so.

Background

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic pursuant to Government Code section 8550 et seq., which remains in effect. Assembly Bill 361 (“AB 361”) allows legislative bodies to hold teleconference meetings during declared emergencies as long as they follow designated rules, and the legislative body routinely reviews the need to continue holding such teleconference meetings.

On September 30, 2021, Santa Cruz County Public Health Officer Dr. Gail Newel issued a strong recommendation that legislative bodies in Santa Cruz County continue to engage in physical/social distancing by meeting via teleconference as allowed by AB 361 and confirmed that she will regularly review and reconsider this recommendation and notify the public when it is no longer recommended. Dr. Newel’s recommendation remains in effect.

Analysis

Many local legislative bodies have recognized that COVID-19 presents a continuing threat to the Santa Cruz County community and that there is an important governmental interest in protecting the health, safety, and welfare of those who participate in public meetings. Requiring all members of legislative bodies to appear in-person at meetings presents greater risk to the health and safety of meeting participants, including reduced social distancing among people of different communities, increased exposure for those who are immunocompromised or unvaccinated, and challenges associated with fully ascertaining and ensuring compliance with vaccination, face coverings, and other safety measures at such public meetings.

Pursuant to AB 361, a legislative body can hold teleconference meetings under the modified AB 361 teleconferencing rules if a state of emergency remains active, or local officials have recommended measures to promote social distancing, as long as the legislative body reconsiders the circumstances of the state of emergency and determines either that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person or that local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing.

The Governor's emergency proclamation has not been lifted and Dr. Newel's social distancing recommendation remains in effect. The dangers presented by returning to non-emergency meeting protocols remain. Staff recommends that the Board adopt the draft resolution accompanying this item, which contains the findings necessary to hold teleconference meetings under the modified Brown Act rules.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact associated with this item.

Attachment(s)

- A. Resolution AB361

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE PAJARO VALLEY HEALTH CARE DISTRICT**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

On the motion of Director
Duly seconded by Director
The following resolution is adopted.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS UNDER ASSEMBLY
BILL 361 AS A RESULT OF THE CONTINUING COVID-19 PANDEMIC STATE OF
EMERGENCY AND HEALTH OFFICER RECOMMENDATION FOR SOCIAL
DISTANCING**

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic pursuant to California Government Code section 8550 et seq., which remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 that suspended the teleconferencing rules set forth in the California Open Meeting law, known as the Ralph M. Brown Act, and codified in California Government Code section 54950 et seq., provided that certain requirements were met and followed; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-08-21 which further extended the suspension of the teleconferencing rules set forth in the Brown Act and clarified that the provisions issued in N-29-20 would remain in effect through September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 361 ("AB 361"), which amended Government Code section 54953 to permit legislative bodies subject to the Brown Act to continue to meet under modified teleconferencing rules provided that they comply with specific requirements set forth in the statute; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to AB 361, a legislative body may hold an initial teleconference meeting under the modified teleconferencing rules during a proclaimed state of emergency where local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2021, Santa Cruz County Public Health Officer Dr. Gail Newel strongly recommended that legislative bodies in Santa Cruz County

continue to engage in physical/social distancing by meeting via teleconference as allowed by AB 361 and confirmed that she will regularly review and reconsider this recommendation and notify the public when it is no longer recommended; and

WHEREAS, after its initial AB 361 teleconference meeting, a legislative body can continue to hold such teleconference meetings if a state of emergency remains active, or local officials have recommended measures to promote social distancing, if the legislative body has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and determined either that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person or that local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, the findings set forth in the paragraph immediately above must be made within 30 days of the date the legislative body first held a teleconferenced meeting pursuant to AB 361, and every 30 days thereafter, for as long as the legislative body wishes to hold such teleconference meetings; and

WHEREAS, the District has an important governmental interest in protecting the health, safety, and welfare of those who participate in meetings of the District; and

WHEREAS, this Board finds that there is a continuing threat of COVID-19 to the community and finds that requiring all Board members to appear in-person at meetings presents greater risk to the health and safety of meeting participants stemming from reduced social distancing among people of different communities, increased exposure for those who are immunocompromised or unvaccinated, and challenges associated with fully ascertaining and ensuring compliance with vaccination, face coverings, and other safety measures at such public meetings; and

WHEREAS, this Board meets in-person in a facility where other functions take place, such that increasing the number of people present may impair the safety of participants and members of the public; and

WHEREAS, as required by AB 361, this Board has considered the circumstances of the current state of emergency and finds that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of Board members to meet safely in person and further finds that the Santa Cruz County Public Health Officer continues to recommend measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of public health and safety, due to the emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19 the Board of Directors deems it necessary to utilize the modified teleconferencing rules set forth in AB 361;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Pajaro Valley Health Care District hereby RESOLVES and ORDERS as follows:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are adopted as findings of the Board of Directors as set forth within the body of this Resolution.

Section 2. Effective immediately, for the next 30 days the Board of Directors will meet using the modified teleconference rules authorized under AB 361 and Government Code section 54953(e)(3).

Section 3. Interim District Administrative Staff is directed to return no later than thirty (30) days after the adoption of this Resolution with an item requesting the Board to reconsider the circumstances of the COVID-19 state of emergency and, if necessary, consider adoption of a subsequent Resolution to continue using the modified teleconference rules for meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3).

Section 4. Interim District Administrative Staff is authorized and directed to take all such other necessary or appropriate actions to implement the intent and purposes of this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Pajaro Valley Health Care District this ____ day of _____, 20__, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

Approved as to Form:

District Counsel

From: Interim District Administrative Staff

Subject: Appoint Steven Salyer as Chief Executive Officer of the Pajaro Valley Health Care District, as of September 1, 2022.

Meeting Date: September 1, 2022

Recommended Actions

Appoint Steven Salyer, CEO of Pajaro Valley Health Care District Hospital Corporation (PVHCDHC), dba Watsonville Community Hospital (WCH), as CEO of the Pajaro Valley Health Care District, as of September 1, 2022

Executive Summary

The Pajaro Valley Health Care District (“the District”) has oversight responsibilities for Hospital operations and the District also has operational responsibilities for the 1206(b) Clinics administered through Coastal Medical Partners. It is recommended that the Board of Directors appoint Steven Salyer as CEO of the Pajaro Valley Health Care District as of September 1, 2022, to align operations and the management of medical services to clients and patients of WCH and the associated clinics, as provided for in Mr. Salyer’s executed employment agreement.

Background/Analysis

Steven Salyer has accepted terms of employment as CEO of the Pajaro Valley Health Care District Hospital Corporation, dba Watsonville Community Hospital, as of September 1, 2022. Included in the employment agreement is a requirement that Mr. Salyer serve as the CEO of the District if asked to do so. Prior to closing, administrative staff from County Counsel, the County Health Services Agency and Administrative Office, and the City of Watsonville, together with various consultants provided by the Pajaro Valley Health Care District Project, have been managing District operations. Upon the close of escrow, the Project will cease its activities. As Mr. Salyer and his executive team assume District management responsibilities, County staff will also withdraw, while providing a supportive transition process.

Financial Impact

Steven Salyer’s employment contract includes duties associated with acting as the Pajaro Valley Health Care District Chief Executive Officer and no additional costs are associated with this appointment.

From: Interim District Administrative Staff

Subject: Approve Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer as Authorized Signers

Meeting Date: September 1, 2022

Recommended Actions

Approve the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of Pajaro Valley Health Care District Hospital Corporation (PVHCDHC), dba Watsonville Community Hospital (WCH), to sign checks and act as authorized signers on all WCH bank accounts.

Executive Summary

The Board is required to establish authority for the CEO and CFO to sign checks and be authorized to make electronic payments from WCH bank accounts. To ensure continuity of operations, the CEO and CFO will be authorized to make electronic payments through SinglePoint, US Bank's banking portal, or phone instructions ,starting September 1, 2022.

Background/Analysis

The Board is required to establish authority for the CEO and CFO to sign checks and be authorized to make electronic payments from WCH bank accounts. Taking this action ensures that the CEO and CFO are able to carry out their management duties, as delegated by the Board.

To ensure continuity of operations, the CEO and CFO will be authorized to make electronic (ACH) payments through SinglePoint, US Bank's banking portal, or phone instructions. starting September 1, 2022. The ACH payment authorization is established to provide ACH/Same Day ACH/RealTimePayment(RTP) capabilities attached to the SinglePoint platform. Each of the following 3 forms: SinglePoint Authorization Form, Wire Transfer Authorization Form, and ACH Payment Authorization Form, was executed by Board Treasurer Marcus Pimentel, who is the current authoritative figure on US Bank's control records who can execute these forms and grant the CEO and CFO the ability to make electronic payments.

Financial Impact

None