



APPROVED MINUTES
Bloomfield Committee
Thursday, November 6, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.
Bloomfield Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center
Dodgeville, WI 53533

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1	Meeting was called to order by Chairman Dr. Jenkins at 1:30 p.m.
2	Roll Call was taken. Members present: Dr. Jenkins; Palzkill; Paull; Thomas. Excused: Anderson Others present: Penny Clary, Donna Clark, Mary Crook, Kari Grady; Michelle Allaby; Jake Tarrell; Mark Vondra; Karen Oellerich
3	Approve the agenda for this November 6, 2014 meeting. Motion by Paull to approve the agenda for this meeting. Member Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4	Approve the minutes of the October 23 meeting. Motion by Palzkill to approve the minutes of the October 23 meeting. Paull seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5	Comments or reports from the audience or committee members. Paull had attended the Committee on Committees and County Board Chair John Meyers is looking at committee structure proposing a Long-Range Planning Committee. Paull may be nominated to the committee. Presently, it seems that Bloomfield items go through five committees before it gets anywhere. Paull suggested that Jake Tarrell, Environmental Services Director go to the courthouse as a contracted service for a few hours/day and there may be more shared services with the courthouse in the future. Palzkill added the heating system is presently the biggest concern. Discussion ensued regarding the end of the reserves and the 2015 tax levy. Palzkill said the Bloomfield Administrator recommended a reduction in beds (tax) and major items will need to be presented to the county board case by case. Clary added the bed reduction will be on the County Board agenda at the November 18 meeting. Paull suggested every month someone should report on accomplishments/failures to keep the County Board up-to-date. Thomas agreed keeping issues in front of the full County Board is important; members need facts to make decisions.
6	Next steps discussion. Thomas felt Long-Range Planning should look at all entities. Now, after the referendum, revisit options, such as, new nursing home; current building to assisted living. Paull learned a lot regarding nursing homes during a recent webinar; not-for-profit philosophy is different than for-profit. Dr. Jenkins had a discussion with Ron Benish and feels that County Board members are split 50/50. Dr. Jenkins asked what's next for funds going forward. Tarrell has a proposal to get information regarding the sewer system. Paull would like to revisit the strategic plan and options, such as, raise the levy; nursing home with assisted living; location. Thomas doesn't want to go forward with a mound system, etc. without knowing the building site. Dr. Jenkins said many in the community are attached to the Chapel. Thomas commented a consideration is, we own this land and possibly could sell this land to offset the cost of new land. Clary cautioned that whether the location were here; Dodgeville; Ridgeway; Highland – don't move further away from the hospital as it is hard to get doctors to come. Thomas considered resident families, where do they live, and transportation issues. Crook commented that a family member from Mineral Point liked the current location. Thomas commented on the recent vote which was won in every area and specifically the Town of Arena – 84% Yes; Town of Brigham - 87% Yes; Village of Barneveld – 86% Yes. Thomas felt the big issue is how to stay in business the next three years and would like to see a referendum for a nursing home in 2016/2017. Palzkill is concerned there is

6	there is not enough money for 2015; to stay alive there is a cost. Palzkill continued the public has strongly supported this facility and it is necessary to get unbelievers to believe this is a part of Iowa County. He feels Dodgeville is the logical choice for the facility. Clary added the strategic plan did not choose a location; it was assumed that the location would be on the present site. Clark added that building new was a long-range plan; remodeling was a 10-year plan. Palzkill felt we have enough duct tape and need definite plans using logical facts; keeping the county board involved with a monthly report is a good idea. Thomas suggested a joint meeting with Bloomfield and HHS committee to discuss the next steps (i.e., Agenda; Call to Order & Discussion) Clary preferred the idea of the format being an open discussion forum. Palzkill felt that ideas could be discussed and possibly plans for referendum(s). Dr. Jenkins liked the idea of a three-year plan for operational money and a joint meeting with HHS committee with open discussion. Thomas commented that 40% of County employees are employed at Bloomfield and 87% of the county voters supported Bloomfield. Paull has been to other county committee meetings where few questions are asked and noted that the highway and Bloomfield budgets are similar. Thomas would like to see the HHS meet with the Bloomfield Committee at Bloomfield and suggested that Paul Ohlogree may facilitate. Palzkill wanted to put the two groups meeting together. Paull suggested revisiting the strategic plan with county board. Clark said whether county board members personally don't like Bloomfield they need to listen to constituents. Clary may extend an invitation to County Board members for luncheons so they can get to know Bloomfield. Palzkill suggested a packet of strategic plan info & the Hoffman study be distributed to county board members. He also questioned how much we have spent in studies since 2008. Palzkill stated it is important for the county board to know that Bloomfield needs full tax levy amount. Thomas reiterated his suggestion of a request for a special joint meeting with open discussion with HHS committee, with next steps for Bloomfield Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center, with a note that the meeting may include a quorum of county board but no action will be taken. All county board members may be invited. Dates available are November 17; 18; 24 or 25. Dr. Jenkins will contact Ron Benish, HHS Chair to request an open discussion meeting of the two committees.
7	Other Business. December 18 is the Holiday Party with Residents and Staff.
8	Next meeting date. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 11 at 1:30 p.m.
9	Motion to adjourn by Paull; second by Palzkill. Motion carried.