JOHNSON COUNTY RURAL HEALTH CARE DISTRICT SPECIAL MEETING

November 3, 2022

A special meeting for Johnson County Rural Health Care Board was held on November 3, 2022. The meeting was held at the Johnson County planning office in Buffalo, Wyoming. The meeting was called to order by President Marilyn Connolly at 4:02 p.m. Board members present were, Marilyn Connolly and Marie Miller. Scott McBride and Mark Haines were also in attendance by phone. Not present was Jim Hicks. A quorum was present. Others in attendance were Kate Harness, Karri White, Seth Taylor, and Teresa Fieldgrove.

The meeting was planned to discuss the funds from the Wyoming Hospital Association. A letter regarding available funds for staff retention was received by the district. The letter was asking for an official acceptance of the funds. Acceptance was by signing and returning the letter by November 15, 2022. Funds available to Johnson County for Kaycee employees, is \$41,670. Crosby Taylor has a list of the employees that qualify for the retention pay. Karri White stated she had talked to Barry Crago about the funds. He said it was for staff in 2021 and is related to COVID funding. Current employees can receive the funds even if they were not working in 2021. Qualified employees must be EMTs and have gone on calls. Crosby said there are eight that qualify from Kaycee. Scott McBride made a motion to authorize chairman Marilyn Connolly to sign the retention letter and accept the funds available for Kaycee. Marie Miller seconded. Motion passed. Marilyn Connolly stated that the letter clearly states, employers may not use any portion of the funds to cover any portion of employer taxes. Marie Miller suggested that since Buffalo EMS has generated around \$400,000 from county transfers for the Johnson County Rural Health Care District, the district should cover the payroll tax on the retention pay for Buffalo EMS. Some discussion on the motion. Marilyn Connolly said there will have to be a mid-year budget adjustment done to allow for paying the tax. Scott McBride made a motion that Johnson County Rural Health Care District pay the payroll taxes for both entities, Johnson County Rural Health Care District and Buffalo EMS. Marie Miller seconded. Motion carried.

Marilyn Connolly asked for anymore questions. Hearing none. Mark Haines made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Marie Miller seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:24 pm. Respectfully submitted by Teresa Fieldgrove Member President

Member

Secretary

Treasurer