

**Montezuma County Hospital District Special Board Meeting
Joint Workshop with SHS Board
EMS Training Room; 1311 N Mildred Road
October 22, 2025**

Present:

Brandon Johnson, Chairperson
Bob Ower, Vice-Chair
Sean Flaherty, Scty/Treas
Abby Neutzel, Director

Also Present:

Brenton Wright, Rehab Director
Rob Owens, SHS Plant Ops Director
Shirley Jones, SHS Board Chair
Eric Croke, SHS Board Vice-Chair
Margi Strangl, SHS Board
Jim Rogers, SHS Board
Mary Dodd, SHS Board
David Dull, SHS Board

Excused:

Jerry Whited, Director
Scott Anderson, Director

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Call to order	MCHD Board meeting was opened at 6:40pm		
Roll Call	Roll was called for the Board.		
Public Comment	None.		
Microgrid Handout / Update on Grant Funding Opportunities	Those in attendance received a handout from Collective Energy, a company that provides energy efficiency audits, educating health centers about their energy options, supporting energy workforce development, designing bespoke power solutions based on site-specific needs, offering low-cost funding only available to non-profit health centers, and installing solar + storage systems with trusted partners to increase quality and project efficiency, we can ensure critical facilities have the power to operate during grid outages. Collective Energy provided a general design and anticipated energy savings by providing 2 Microgrid with battery storage options that would shave peak energy during summer months. This		

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	<p>project started with Mazzetti Engineering in 2024 to complete the grant application signed in December 2024, but with the changes in the legislative focus and inflation environment, a new assessment is being utilized by Collective Energy as recommended by Julia Masters, with DOLA Microgrid grant program manager. They've agreed to do initial assessment and battery/microgrid design and construction ROM so that the MCHD Board can determine continued viability of pursuing the project.</p> <p>Mr. Theine reviewed the current status of the project and the newly identified potential grant funding opportunities.</p> <p>Two battery options presented with 25-year rate of return were presented.</p> <p>1st is a "Critical" Load with "Battery A" 663kW/1592kWh with 4 hr minimum. CAPEX of \$1,252,684 including hard and soft costs.</p> <p>2nd is a "Full Building" Load with "Battery B" 1327kW/3184kWh with 4hr minimum. CAPEX of \$2,251,127 including hard and soft costs.</p> <p>There are three funding items available to pay for this project, up to \$3.2m. This consists of</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DOLA (Dept of Energy admin) Microgrid grant for \$1.6m (awarded 3/2025, must be spent and in service by 2029, reimbursed at 50% of project cost as expended. 2. LOMA (local match) waived by Governor's office to allow to match against DOLA grant, preliminarily expected to be awarded \$800,000, must be spent by 2027, paid in advance. 3. Inflation Reduction Act up to 40% reimbursement once put in service for the remaining (up to) 25%. <p>The contract with the Dept of Energy administered by DOLA has been provided. Should the board wish to move forward, Ms. Jabour to forward to McCabe's for review to ensure the contract language does not cause any concern prior to moving forward.</p>	<p>It was moved and seconded to continue to move forward to MCHD Attorney review of DOE contract and other grant opportunities with update at the November meeting.</p> <p>MOTION: Abby Neutzel</p> <p>SECOND: Sean Flaherty</p> <p>Motion carried unanimously.</p>	
Adjournment		<p>It was moved and seconded to adjourn at 7:05pm.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>	

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Rob Dobry, MCHD Board Secretary/Treasurer