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Mr. Andy Nelson, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners of Sublette County
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Dear Chairman Nelson,

As you heard or will have heard, the USDA is committed to assisting the Sublette County Rural Health Care District in the construction of a Critical Access Hospital in Sublette County. However, it has not approved the loan application as currently submitted due to a lack of some information that Lorraine Werner feels is critical to the application. We are in the process of providing the additional information that has been requested.

One of the key issues is where to build the hospital. Ms. Werner feels that the District did not adequately explore the possibility of building on the same property as the existing Pinedale Clinic, so has asked the District to look at this property more in depth.

A main question, of course, is whether or not the County is willing to make this property available for the construction and operation of a hospital. Even though last year the County Commissioners voted to not make that property available to the District for the hospital, Ms. Werner has specifically requested that the District ask again under the auspices of a completely new and different hospital plan. So, as requested by Ms. Werner, the Sublette County Rural Health District Board of Directors asks you:

1. Will the County deed the entire 5-acre property and all buildings, etc., that are on the property to the District as a donation to the hospital project?
2. If not willing to donate, will the County sell the entire property to the District? If so, what would the selling price be?

Since this decision is key to the forward progress of this project, it is important that a decision be made as soon as possible. It would be very helpful to have an answer from the County within two weeks.

Therefore, I ask that you add this request to your upcoming County Commissioner meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 17, 2018. If that is too soon, I ask that you schedule a special commissioner meeting to address this request before April 27th, 2018.

Please let me know as soon as possible what date and time this will be on your agenda.

A second question that Ms. Werner requested the Board to ask the Commissioners is: Will the County provide emergency funding, if it is needed, to keep both of the existing clinics operating at their current level during the construction and initial operation of the hospital should the available revenue sources of the District become insufficient. The financial feasibility report doesn't show this as being the case, but the USDA has to consider a worst-case scenario and be prepared for it if USDA is to support the project of bringing a hospital to Sublette County.

Ms. Werner is also concerned about the continuation of medical services in the Marbleton Clinic. We have assured her and make that assurance to you that as long as there is funding available this Board is committed to continue the current services at both clinics as well as returning after hours emergency services to the Marbleton Clinic when additional funding becomes available.

Thank you for your consideration of these questions. We look forward to hearing from you very soon.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott A. Scherbel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and a stylized "A".

Scott A. Scherbel, Chairman
Sublette County Rural Health Care District.