Lincoln County Board to Host Two Town Hall Meetings to Gather Public Opinion on the Future of Pine Crest Nursing Home

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Lincoln County, Wis. – The Lincoln County Board of Supervisors would like to announce that they will be hosting two Town Hall Meetings to gather public opinion on the future of Pine Crest Nursing Home. The meetings will be held on Thursday April 6th at the Bradley Town Hall beginning at 5:00 p.m. and on Wednesday April 12th at the Lincoln County Government Services Building beginning at 6:00 p.m.

On June 21, 2022 the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 2022-06-20 "Resolution to form an Ad Hoc Committee on Pine Crest under Lincoln County Ordinance 2.07(7)." The scope and duties of this committee were defined as follows: 1) Review the existing financial obligations concerning Pine Crest, and to review the prudence of any future contractual obligations concerning Pine Crest made by either signed contact or County Board resolution; 2) Review the original and current use of the Pine Crest building and grounds; 3) Review the Nursing Home Management Agreement and the Memorandum of Understanding (repair and maintenance of durable medical equipment and removal/rearrangement of furniture) between Lincoln County and North Central Health Care as such documents relate to the building and bed licenses; 4) Provide a report to the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors outlining the past and current successes, failures and status of Pine Crest Nursing Home; and 5) Provide recommendations to the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors for consideration, detailing areas of improvement for Lincoln County's overall position concerning Pine Crest Nursing Home. The resolution directed the committee to conclude its business by the March 2023 County Board Meeting.

At the March 21, 2023 County Board Meeting, the Ad Hoc Committee on Pine Crest presented the County Board with their findings which include detailed alternatives, options, and measures for addressing the Pine Crest Facility and Nursing Home. This report can be viewed on the Lincoln County Website at this address: <u>https://co.lincoln.wi.us/bc-county-board/page/county-board-meeting-49</u>

Residents of Lincoln County are invited to attend the Town Hall Meetings to offer input and ask questions about the specific options that the Ad Hoc Committee on Pine Crest presented in their report to the full county board on March 21, 2023. A video recording of the March County Board Meeting may also be viewed on the web link above.

The Town Hall Meetings information can be viewed on the county website meeting calendar located at this address: <u>https://www.co.lincoln.wi.us/meetings</u>

Please help your county board supervisors determine the future of Pine Crest Nursing Home operations and the role of Lincoln County Government.

Bradley Town Hall, 1518 W. Mohawk Dr., Tomahawk WI, 54487 Lincoln County Government Services Building, Room 257, 801 N. Sales St., Merrill WI, 54452