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From: Don Savoie
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2022 1:17 PM
To: dale@lakeshoreha.org
Subject: Meridian - question from Lakeshore Authority Trustee, regarding funding

Good afternoon Dale, just wanting to follow up from our call yesterday.

From our conversation you were inquiring for one of the trustee's if there is a way that Meridian would be agreeable to utilize the LSA Hospital building and surrounding grounds without the need for additional financial support from the Lakeshore Authority, including facility expense to bring the building to occupancy status.

Meridian is committing to \$1 million to \$3 million to renovate the wards and other internal areas of the building to meet AHCA/DCF programmatic licensing standards regardless of terms we work out for building occupancy. That leaves us with the need for a yet unknown amount for several crucial items before we could occupy and start operations. Items such as reroofing, brick repair, fascia, sealant for windows and doors, stucco repair, metal coping repair, etc. The estimates we have received (still in draft) are greater than \$5.3 million to date, however that will likely go up further after we receive the final report which will include mechanical engineering report which we have not yet received. (Meridian has invested \$35k for an updated engineering report)

In response, the two thoughts I have related to the question posed are:

1. I don't see a path where it would be advantageous for Meridian to invest greater than \$8 million dollars toward the renovation of a building that was not owned by Meridian; assuming LSA held ownership of the building. We would be making a major investment on a property that would be owned and retained as an asset of another corporation, LSA. Even if my board of directors was to consider this, I don't believe we could attain a loan for \$8million+ as any loan would need to be secured by the property to be renovated.
2. Second option and one that might be agreeable to both parties. If LSA were to agree to transfer ownership for the hospital building and surrounding grounds to Meridian. Meridian as a corporation would be in a position to use the property in question as collateral for such a loan to support required building repairs.

Please do share these thoughts with the trustee's and also please know that I am limited as CEO in my authority, any agreement that Meridian and the LSA were to reach would first need to be brought forward, discussed and approved by my board of directors.

Appreciate all your efforts and partnership as we move forward to support the growing needs of our communities. Thanks, Don

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