

MINUTES

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF HENDERSON

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
NOVEMBER 19, 1996

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners met for a special called meeting at 5:00 p.m. jointly with the Hospital Board of Trustees at Pardee Hospital.

Those present were: Chairman Renee Kumor, Vice-Chair Vollie G. Good, Commissioner J. Michael Edney, Commissioner Bob Eklund, Commissioner Don Ward, County Manager David E. Nicholson, Assistant County Manager/Staff Attorney Angela M. Skerrett.

Absent was: Clerk to the Board, Elizabeth W. Corn. David Nicholson prepared notes for Ms. Corn.

Also present were all members of the Hospital Board of Trustees except Ms. Smith and Mr. Byrd. Hospital Administrator Frank Aaron was present.

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Mark White, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, welcomed the Board of Commissioners and the public to the meeting. Mr. White stated that the purpose of the meeting was to inform the Board of Commissioners of the Hospital's request to become a BIG AUTHORITY.

BIG A AUTHORITY

Tom Stukes, Pardee Hospital's consultant, reviewed the need to create this type of authority. A big authority would allow more flexibility and not require the county to review and approve contracts for the hospital. They stated that any debt issued by the authority would not count against the county's debt limitations.

The Board of Commissioners expressed their concern over issues such as being able to condemn property and the issuance of debt. They stated that the restrictions that the Board of Commissioners have requested could be accomplished through the building lease.

The Boards discussed issues such as managed care, the accountability to the public of an authority, and the future of health care in the community.

Dinner was enjoyed by all in attendance.

Following dinner, several former trustees encouraged the Board of Commissioners to approve the creation of a big authority.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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Attest:

Elizabeth W. Corn
Elizabeth W. Corn, Clerk

Sean Kumar
~~Robert D. Blund~~, Chairman
Renee Kumar,