

MINUTES

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF HENDERSON

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
June 13, 1996

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners met for a special called meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Kaplan Auditorium of the Henderson County Public Library.

Those present were: Chairman Renee Kumor, Vice-Chairman Vollie G. Good, Commissioner J. Michael Edney, Commissioner Don Ward, County Manager David E. Nicholson, Assistant County Manager/Staff Attorney Angela M. Skerrett, County Attorney Don H. Elkins and Clerk to the Board Elizabeth W. Corn.

Also present were: Hospital Board members, Ty Chambers and members of the media.

Absent was: Commissioner Grady Hawkins.

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Chairman Kumor called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance. Mrs. Kumor stated that the purpose of this meeting was a PUBLIC HEARING on Pardee Hospital Reorganization. She stated there will be presentations by both Angela Skerrett and Frank Aaron.

Angela Skerrett recognized Frank Aaron, Administrator of Margaret R. Pardee Memorial Hospital. Mr. Aaron presented an overview of Margaret R. Pardee Memorial Hospital, past to present.

Ms. Skerrett presented a slide show pertaining to possible restructuring of Pardee Hospital which answered the following:

1. Why is a change in the structure of Margaret R. Pardee Memorial Hospital being considered at this time?
2. What changes are being considered?
3. What is a Hospital Authority?
4. What powers would a Hospital Authority have?
5. What changing trends in health care make a Hospital Authority a desirable structure for Pardee Hospital?
6. If the Henderson County Board of Commissioners formed a Hospital Authority, who would own Pardee Hospital?
7. Would Pardee become a for-profit hospital?
8. What about a private, non-profit hospital?
9. Would the patients see a change in Pardee Hospital if a Hospital Authority formed?

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10. What would happen if Pardee Hospital is not restructured as a Hospital Authority?

Chairman Kumor called a three minute recess.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Commissioner Ward made the motion for the Board to go into Public Hearing. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

#### **Public Input**

The Clerk was asked to call the names of those who had signed up to speak at this hearing:

1. Tony Slovacek - Mr. Slovacek expressed concerns stating he doesn't understand what the problem is. He asked why the resolution couldn't be modified instead of going to an authority?

2. Argie Taylor - Mr. Taylor stated that he was opposed to any change. He thinks it can be done by Resolution. Mr. Taylor worked for eight years at Pardee.

3. Armon Koch - Mr. Koch expressed concerns but stated that he understood the need for the hospital to enter into contracts with managed care.

4. John Dreshner - Mr. Dresher had signed up but did not speak.

5. Ed McCurry - Mr. McCurry would like the Board of Commissioners to remain as back up to the Board at Pardee Hospital. He does not think Pardee needs eminent domain. Mr. McCurry showed pictures of where Pardee has trespassed onto his property behind the hospital and had caused some of his land to become washed away.

6. Mildred Taylor - Ms. Taylor owns property on Oak Street, behind Pardee Hospital. She asked if Pardee was interested in purchasing her land.

7. Dot Moyer - Ms. Moyer is a Henderson County resident who stated she had no opinion but is interested in large conglomerates.

8. A gentleman in the audience - asked about land in general.

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9. Mary Ruth Smith - Ms. Smith thanked the Commissioners for considering the Hospital Board of Trustees' request. She has been on the Board of Trustees for 11 years. She stated that Pardee is one of the lowest cost providers of health care in North Carolina because they have no debt. (They are in the bottom 13)

Argie Taylor - Mr. Taylor asked if the hospital could disclose more information, i.e. revenue generated per patient day, cost per patient day.

Tony Slovacek - Mr. Slovacek asked if there were levels between Resolution and Authority.

Although Commissioner Hawkins was absent he had supplied a page of written comments.

Since there were no other speakers to be heard, Commissioner Edney made the motion for the Board to close the Public Hearing. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

**Frank Aaron**

Mr. Aaron answered questions raised during input regarding property, Professional Office Building, and parking.

Other items discussed:

Long Term Care Facility on another site, away from hospital.

Home Health Services on another site, away from hospital.

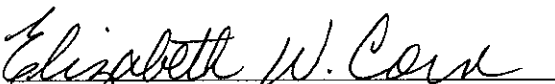
Mobile Services, van.

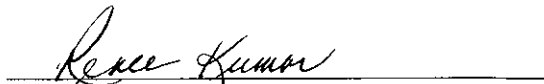
Capability of going up on the Graham-Stowell Tower an additional story or two and the possibility of going up one additional story above the operating suites.

MIC zoning.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Kumor at 8:36 p.m.

Attest:

  
Elizabeth W. Corn, Clerk

  
Renee Kumor, Chairman

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