

Approved
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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF MEETING
JULY 18, 1988

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET THIS DATE IN SPECIAL SESSION AT 1:00 P.M. FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE IMPENDING CRISIS OF CALHOUN GENERAL'S.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

RONALD WOOD, CHAIRMAN
JAMES M. DILLARD
TRUMAN GRANT
CHARLES RICHARDS
MANUEL HIRES

PRESENT AND ACTING:

WILLIE D. WISE, CLERK
GAIL O'BRYAN, DEPUTY CLERK
DAVID HOUSE, ATTORNEY
NATHAN GOODMAN, ADMIN COORDINATOR

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY COMMISSIONER WOOD.

ATTORNEY HOUSE REPORTED HE HAD MANY CONSERVATIONS IN THE PAST MONTHS WITH DEBTORS, EMPLOYEES, DOCTORS AND ETC,: RE; CALHOUN GENERAL HOSPITAL. HE STATED THE CRISIS OF THE LAST TWO (2) WEEKS HAS BEEN THE CANCELLATION OF LIABILITY INSURANCE AND BOUNCING PAYROLL CHECKS. HE STATED AS A RESULT OF THE ABOVE, DR'S OLIVER, BRISTOL, BAKER AND WHITE HAVE SUBMITTED THEIR RESIGNATIONS. ALSO, THE ADMINISTRATOR PETER HEINTZ, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, CARL MULLINS AND DIRECTOR OF NURSING HAVE ALSO RESIGNED. ATTORNEY HOUSE STATED THE STAFF THAT HAD RESIGNED WOULD RETURN TO THE HOSPITAL IF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WOULD TAKE THE HOSPITAL BACK OVER.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER RICHARDS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HIRES, AND CARRIED 5-0 FOR THE COUNTY TO INSTITUTE WHATEVER LEGAL MEANS NECESSARY TO GO BACK IN AND TAKE OVER THE HOSPITAL.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER RICHARDS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HIRES, AND CARRIED 5-0, TO RE_HIRE THE ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL AND REINSTATE EXISTING PERSONNEL AS EMPLOYEES OF CALHOUN GENERAL HOSPITAL.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HIRES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DILLARD, AND CARRIED 5-0 TO REINSTATE ANY PRIVILEGES OF ANY DOCTORS WORKING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HOSPITAL.

THE BOARD DISCUSSED A LINE OF CREDIT OF \$150,000 FOR THE OPERATION OF THE HOSPITAL.

THE BOARD AND AUDIENCE DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF PUTTING ON REFERENDUM A SALES TAX FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE HOSPITAL. COMMISSIONER WOOD ASKED ATTORNEY HOUSE TO CHECK WITH THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS TO SEE IF IT COULD BE PUT ON FOR THIS ELECTION.

COMMISSIONER RICHARDS STATED HE WANTED IT KNOWN THAT ONE OF THE MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE BOARD WAS THE SAVING OF JOBS.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HIRES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RICHARDS, CARRIED 5-0 TO ADJOURN.

ATTEST:

WILLIE D. WISE, CLERK

RONALD WOOD, CHAIRMAN