

CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 10, 1991
MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

S. DONNELL WHITFIELD
PACK BOWDEN
ELLIS MELVIN
TRUMAN GRANT
MONROE COX

PRESENT & ACTING:

WILLIE D. WISE, CLERK OF COURT
GAIL O'BRYAN, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
BILL A. CORBIN, COUNTY ATTORNEY
WILLIAM G. SMITH, SHERIFF

CALHOUN GENERAL BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

LADDIE WILLIAMS,
ELGA B. WHITE, M.D.
SUSAN BARBER
MARY WAYE BAKER
JIMMY LEE HOLLEY
DR. JOHN PORTER, HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET THIS DATE IN SPECIAL SESSION FOR DISCUSSION AND MEETING ON THE CRITICAL FINANCIAL CONDITION OF CALHOUN GENERAL HOSPITAL. DUE TO THE LARGE CROWD PRESENT, THE MEETING WAS MOVED FROM THE COUNTY COMMISSION ROOM TO THE COURT ROOM.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER FOLLOWED WITH PRAYER BY COMMISSIONER WHITFIELD AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

DR. ELGA B. WHITE, CALHOUN GENERAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER MADE A PRESENTATION TO THE BCC AND AUDIENCE ON CALHOUN GENERAL'S IMMEDIATE CRISIS, AND LONG TERM NEEDS. HE EXPLAINED THE IMMEDIATE NEED WAS FOR 2 PAYROLL CYCLES \$120,000.00, IRS DEBT PAID \$120,000.00, AND \$50,000.00 FOR DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS PAYABLE. DR. WHITE EXPLAINED THE LONG TERM NEEDS OF CALHOUN GENERAL AS FOLLOWS:

1. ANNUAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION
2. IMPLEMENT TIGHTER REVENUE COLLECTION
3. INCREASE UTILIZATION FOR SERVICES
4. ABILITY TO REDUCE REIMBURSEMENT TIME
5. IMPLEMENTATION OF ADDITIONAL SERVICES (MAMMOGRAPHY, ULTRASOUND, AND OBSTETRICS).

DR. WHITE EXPLAINED THE IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY IF THE HOSPITAL SHOULD CLOSE AS FOLLOWS: COMMUNITY WOULD LOSE MEDICAL SERVICES AND HEALTH CARE, LOSS OF JOBS, LOSS OF REVENUES DUE TO LOSS OF JOBS, DECLINE IN ECONOMY AND GRAVE IMPACT ON NURSING HOMES.

COMMISSIONER WHITFIELD OPENED THE FLOOR FOR QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE AND MANY QUESTIONS WERE POSED REGARDING THE NEEDS AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE.

COMMISSIONER WHITFIELD QUESTIONED CARL MULLIS, FINANCIAL OFFICER OF CALHOUN GENERAL HOSPITAL ON THE FINANCES REGARDING THE HOSPITAL. QUESTIONS WERE DIRECTED TO MR. MULLIS ON THE EFFECT OF CLOSING THE HOSPITAL ON RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES AND THE MAN POWER THAT WOULD BE REQUIRED SHOULD THE HOSPITAL BE CLOSED TO COLLECT THE REMAINING RECEIVABLES AND CLOSE OUT THE BOOKS.

A DISCUSSION WAS HELD CONCERNING GIVING THE HOSPITAL \$50,000.00 FROM THE AMBULANCE LINE ITEM IN THE BUDGET. THIS WOULD BE CONTINGENT UPON THE BANKS APPROVAL AND UPON THE WILLINGNESS OF THE HOSPITAL TO MAKE \$2,500.00 BI-WEEKLY PAYMENTS TO THE IRS FROM THESE FUNDS.

THE BOARD AND AUDIENCE DISCUSSED A SERVICE TAX AND PASSING A LOCAL BILL ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT FOR THE HOSPITAL.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MELVIN TO GIVE CALHOUN GENERAL UP TO \$50,000.00 IN LIEU OF PAYING IRS AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WILL ALSO PAY THEIR PRO RATA SHARE TO IRS.
2ND COMMISSIONER COX

AFTER DISCUSSION AND REREADING OF THE MOTION, COMMISSIONER COX WITHDREW HIS 2ND. MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF SECOND.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER COX TO GIVE CALHOUN GENERAL UP TO \$70,000.00 TO BE REQUESTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AS NEEDED AND AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN AND CLERK TO SIGN CHECKS UPON REQUEST. THIS MONEY TO BE TAKEN FROM THE AMBULANCE LINE ITEM IN THE BUDGET.

2ND COMMISSIONER BOWDEN

MOTION CARRIED 4-1

COMMISSIONER MELVIN VOTING NO DUE TO THE BOARD ONLY HAVING \$88,000.00 BUDGETED AND HAVING TO BORROW THE OTHER \$26,000.00.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING DID ADJOURN.

ATTEST



WILLIE D. WISE, CLERK

BOARD OF CO. COMMISSIONERS

S. DONNELL WHITFIELD
CHAIRMAN