

JANUARY 28, 1991

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF JANUARY 28, 1991  
CONTINUATION OF SPECIAL MEETING  
JANUARY 25, 1991.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

PRESENT AND ACTING:

WILLIE D. WISE, CLERK  
GAIL O'BRYAN, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT  
BILL CORBIN, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
BROWARD VICKERY, DEPUTY SHERIFF  
JOE TAYLOR, FINANCE

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

COMMISSIONER MELVIN MOVED TO RECOGNIZE AND ACCEPT THE RESIGNATIONS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CALHOUN GENERAL HOSPITAL.  
2ND COMMISSIONER BOWDEN  
MOTION CARRIED 5-0

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MELVIN TO REQUEST A GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION INTO PAST ADMINISTRATION OF OF CALHOUN GENERAL HOSPITAL.  
MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF SECOND.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BOWDEN TO REQUEST GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION INTO PETER HEINTZ, PAST ADMINISTRATOR OF CALHOUN GENERAL HOSPITAL.  
2ND COMMISSIONER COX  
MOTION CARRIED 5-0

COMMISSIONER WHITFIELD OPENED THE FLOOR FOR A PRESENTATION BY MARGARET BROCK. MRS. BROCK PRESENTED, FOR STUDY, A LETTER OF INTENT BETWEEN CALHOUN BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND MARGARET Z. BROCK AND ASKED THAT A SPECIAL BOARD MEETING BE CALLED AFTER REVIEW AND THE STUDY OF THE LETTER OF INTENT. (SEE ATTACHED LETTER OF INTENT).

COMMISSIONER BOWDEN QUESTIONED THE AMOUNT OF TIME NEEDED FOR REVIEW BY CLERK AND COUNTY ATTORNEY. THE CLERK AND COUNTY ATTORNEY RESPONDED THEY WOULD NEED 24 HOURS FOR REVIEW.

COMMISSIONER MELVIN QUESTIONED MRS. BROCK REGARDING HER INTENTIONS TO THE HOSPITAL. MRS. BROCK STATED SHE WILL ASSUME PRESENT ASSETS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE HOSPITAL AND WOULD RUN THE AMBULANCE FOR 10 YEARS AT NO COST TO THE COUNTY. MRS. BROCK ALSO SAID IF SHE SHOULD COLLECT FROM THE RECEIVABLES IN EXCESS OF THE \$860,000.00 (AMOUNT OF LIABILITIES) SHE WOULD RETURN THE EXCESS TO THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER MELVIN STATED HE WAS NOT IN FAVOR OF SELLING CALHOUN

GENERAL HOSPITAL. HE SAID IT BELONGS TO THE PEOPLE OF CALHOUN COUNTY AND WAS VOTED IN BY THE PEOPLE BACK IN THE 60'S. HE REPORTED HE HAD LOOKED INTO OTHER ALTERNATIVES.

COMMISSIONER WHITFIELD POLLED THE DOCTORS PRESENT REGARDING COMMITMENT TO SERVE ON STAFF AT CALHOUN GENERAL HOSPITAL IF MRS. BROCK SHOULD PURCHASE.

DR. WHITE SAID HE WOULD SERVE ON STAFF IF MRS. BROCK PURCHASES. DR. BRISTOL SAID HE HAD MANY QUESTIONS AND WOULD DEPEND ON TERMS. DR. BAKER AND DR. BOONE WERE NOT PRESENT.

DR. PORTER, ADMINISTRATOR OF CALHOUN GENERAL, INFORMED THE BOARD THAT DR. BOONE AND DR. BAKER HAD RESIGNED AND WERE GOING TO RELOCATE.

THE BOARD AND PHYSICIANS DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF RESIDENTS COVERING THE EMERGENCY ROOM.

COMMISSIONER MELVIN STATED IF THE HOSPITAL SOLD, THE COUNTY WILL NEVER HAVE ANOTHER. HE SAID HE WAS BEHIND THE HOSPITAL 100% AND WAS NOT IN FAVOR OF LEASING OR SELLING THE HOSPITAL. HE ALSO STATED HE HAD SPOKEN WITH REPRESENTATIVE TRAMMELL AND THAT THERE WAS LEGISLATION IN THE WORKS TO HELP RURAL HOSPITALS AND WITH THE COOPERATION OF CITY OF BLOUNTSTOWN AND CITY OF ALTHA A MSTU COULD BE PASSED AND WITH THAT REVENUE THE HOSPITAL COULD COME OUT OF THE BAD FINANCIAL SHAPE IT IS IN.

AFTER DISCUSSION, PLURALITY OF BOARD STATED THEY HAD NO OBJECTION TO SELLING THE HOSPITAL. COMMISSIONER VOTED NO.

A LENGTHY DISCUSSION ENSUED BETWEEN BOARD AND AUDIENCE AND AFTER DISCUSSION, THE BOARD RECESSED 20 MINUTES FOR MRS. BROCK TO MEET WITH THE DOCTORS PRESENT.

THE BOARD RECONVENED AND MRS. BROCK RELAYED SHE AND THE DOCTORS PRESENT HAD BEEN IN A LENGTHY DISCUSSION AND DURING THAT DISCUSSION, SOME THINGS HAD SURFACED THAT THEY WERE NOT AWARE OF AND SHE ASKED THAT THE BOARD SCHEDULE A SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AFTER THE COUNTY ATTORNEY HAS DONE RESEARCH ON THE ISSUE.

THE BOARD AGREED TO MRS. BROCK'S REQUEST AND SCHEDULED A SPECIAL MEETING FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 1991 AT 6:00 P.M.

COMMISSIONER MELVIN REPORTED THAT REPRESENTATIVE TRAMMELL SAID THERE WAS NO DOUBT THAT CALHOUN GENERAL HOSPITAL WOULD RECEIVE THE PRISON MEDICAL SERVICES NEXT YEAR.

CLERK WISE STATED IF THE DOCTORS HAD AGREED TO WORK AT THE EMERGENCY ROOM, THE BOARD NEEDED TO KEEP IT OPEN. HE REMINDED THE BOARD THAT THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY SAID THE ER WOULD CLOSE ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 29TH AT 6:00 A.M.

THE BOARD, CLERK AND MRS. BROCK DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF A SHORT TERM LEASE DUE TO THE HOSPITAL BEING A HILL BURTON HOSPITAL AND MIGHT TAKE SPECIAL LEGISLATION TO SELL IT.

COMMISSIONER WHITFIELD ASKED DR. JOHN PORTER IF HE WOULD STAY ON BOARD AS ADMINISTRATOR THROUGH THE TRANSITION. DR. PORTER AGREED, BUT STATED IT WAS PRESSING THAT THE EMERGENCY ROOM HAS DOCTORS WORKING.

DR. BRISTOL AND DR. WHITE AGREED TO ROTATE EMERGENCY ROOM SERVICES.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BOWDEN TO RETAIN DR. PORTER AS ADMINISTRATOR OF CALHOUN GENERAL HOSPITAL DURING TRANSITION WITH THE RECOMMENDATION THAT SUCCESSFUL BIDDER KEEP HIM ON.

2ND GRANT

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

COMMISSIONER WHITFIELD STATED HE DID NOT WANT ANY MORE PHONE CALLS PLACED TO GEORGIA TO PETER HEINTZ FROM THE HOSPITAL AT TAX PAYERS EXPENSE.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BOWDEN TO CANCEL CONTRACT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES WITH PETER HEINTZ IF SUCH CONTRACT EXISTS.

2ND COMMISSIONER COX

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MELVIN THAT ALL EMPLOYEES OF CALHOUN GENERAL HOSPITAL KEEP A DETAILED TELEPHONE LOG ON TELEPHONE CALLS.

2ND COMMISSIONER BOWDEN

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE BOARD DID ADJOURN.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
CALHOUN COUNTY



WILLIE D. WISE, CLERK

S. DONNELL WHITFIELD