

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF MEETING
FEBRUARY 3, 1989

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET THIS DATE IN SPECIAL SESSION
WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

S. Donnell Whitfield, Chairman, Dist. # 1
Truman Grant, Dist. # 4
Ellis Melvin, Dist. # 3

Commissioner Cox, Dist. # 5, could not be reached for the emergency meeting
and Commissioner Dillard, Dist. # 2 was absent due to family illness.

PRESENT AND ACTING:

Willie D. Wise, Clerk
Gail O'Bryan, Administrative Assistant
Hentz McClellan, Attorney
William G. Smith, Sheriff

Laddie Williams, Dr. Murray Baker, Newton Tatum and Mary Way Baker,
Board of Trustee's, Calhoun General Hospital and Administrator Peter
Heintz were also present.

Commissioner Whitfield called the meeting to order for the purpose of a
meeting with the Board of Trustees of Calhoun General Hospital.

Attorney Hentz McClellan reported that the Board of Trustees, Calhoun General
had applied for a \$300,000 loan on proposed millage from C & L Bank of
Blountstown and in anticipation of that loan had mailed out some vendor
payment checks. He stated the hospital board found out Monday night that
they could not borrow the money. He stated the crisis today was they
needed \$56,000.00 for a \$30,000.00 payroll due today and \$26,000.00 to
cover vendor checks already issued. Attorney McClellan stated the Board
of Trustees did not have the authority under Florida status chapter 155
to borrow money. He stated the Board of County Commissioners could
borrow the money or co-sign with the Board of Trustees, but the legality
of loaning the money to the hospital Board would have to be checked out.

Clerk Wise stated his understanding of Florida Status, Chapter 155 was that
the Board of Trustees had approximately the same powers as the Board of
County Commissioners. Clerk Wise also stated in order for the board to
borrow any money they had to have an anticipated revenue for that amount.

Commissioner Melvin stated he felt cost for operating the hospital could
be cut and questioned if all extra cost for operation of the hospital had
been cut out. He stated he felt quite a bit of the hospitals payroll
could be cut. He also stated without a full board present he could not
vote to borrow money.

Commissioner Grant stated he thought the Board should take whatever steps
that was necessary to keep the hospital open. After discussion, Motion
by Commissioner Grant to establish a \$56,000.00 line of credit with C & L
Bank of Blountstown for Calhoun General Hospital.

Motion died for lack of second.

Commissioner Whitfield stated all efforts had been made to reach all board members for this emergency meeting. He stated that Commissioner Cox could not be reached for the meeting and Commissioner Dillard was out of town due to family illness and since the Vice-Chairman was not present he could not relinquish the chair and therefore the motion died for lack of a second. He said he would second the motion if he could.

The Board, Clerk, Board of Trustees and Hospital Administrator, discussed the possibility of a Management Agreement with Tallahassee Memorial Hospital with retention of Present Board of Trustees. Clerk Wise recommended that if there was any possibility of working out a Management Agreement with TMH to advance Calhoun General \$30,000.00 from budgeted ambulance service funds to cover the payroll today in order to give the Board of Trustees time to search additional ways to finance the operation.

After discussion Commissioner Whitfield polled the Board and it was agreed by 2 to 1 consensus to advance \$30,000.00 from ambulance payments to Calhoun General to cover the hospital's payroll until Tuesday, February 7, 1989 when full board could be present.

Commissioner Whitfield and Commissioner Grant voting yes and Commissioner Melvin voting no.

Commissioner Melvin voting no due to the Board's previously voting to pay C & L Bank of Blountstown the ambulance payments.

There being no further business, the board did adjourn.

ATTEST:

WILLIE D. WISE, CLERK


S. DONNELL WHITFIELD, CHAIRMAN