

HEALTH SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

MINUTES

JULY 26, 2006

AGENCY MEMBERS PRESENT

Atchley, Bryan
Caldwell, Gene, M.D.
Jones, Clark
Koella, Carl, III,
Lammert, Gregory
Troy, Peggy
Flowers, Paula, Commissioner of Commerce and Insurance
Weaver, Faye, designee for the Comptroller of the Treasury

AGENCY MEMBERS PRESENT

Collier, David, M.D., designee for the TennCare Director
Handorf, Charles, M.D.

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT

Hill, Melanie, Executive Director
Bobbitt, Melissa, Administrative Services Assistant II
Brogden, Reid, General Counsel
Christoffersen, Jim, Deputy General Counsel
Craighead, Alecia, Statistical Analyst III
Farber, Mark, Assistant Executive Director
Finchum, Rhonda, Office Manager
Wells, Phil, Health Planner III

GUESTS PRESENT

Anderson, Chandler, Williamson Medical Center
Anderson, Debra, Vice President/CNO, Morristown-Hamblen Healthcare System
Anderson, Rogers, Mayor, Williamson County
Andrews, Sammie
Bach, Charles, Maury Regional Hospital
Bailey, James L., Jr., Mayor, City of Columbia
Bailey, Carisa
Baker, E. Graham, Esq., Weeks, Anderson, & Baker
Baker, Karen Litterer, Atkinson Public Relations
Ball, Heather, TriStar
Barber, Glen, President, Haynes Crossing Homeowners Association
Bardill, Janice, Roane Medical Center
Batts, Christy, Hospital Corporation of America
Baxter, Darlene, Maury Regional Hospital
Beirs, Lou
Benton, Tony, Assistant Vice President, Strategic Planning, Mountain States Health Alliance
Bishop, Barbara, Voices 4 Care Chair, Maury Regional Hospital Auxiliary
Blankenship, Tom, St. Thomas Health Systems
Bole, Paul, Williamson Medical Center
Brent, Michael D., Esq., Boulton, Cummings, Connors & Berry
Brown, Dere, NHC

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Burgess Bernard, MD, Franklin Surgical Specialists
Burke, Jerry Wayne, Partner, Burke-Ailey Construction Company
Burklow, Bob, Mayor, City of Hohenwald
Bustetter, L., Williamson Medical Center
Capers, Travis, Southern Hills Medical Center
Chubbs, Cheryl Read, Vice President of Marketing & Public Relations, Hospital Corporation of America
Clark, Richard L., President/CEO, Morristown-Hamblen Healthcare System
Clifton, Deborah, Administrator, Morristown-Hamblen Healthcare System – Meridian
Cole, Craig, P.E., VP Development Services, GBT Realty Corporation
Coleman, David
Converse, Lori
Corritore, Danell, Department of Health
Cravens, Tom, Esq., Kramer, Rayson, Leake, Rodgers & Morgan
Crews, Jonathan
Cripe, Nathan
Cross, Jim
Davenport, Mark, MD, Hamblen Anesthesia
Day, Edwin, Consultant
Dobson, Kathy, Williamson Medical Center
Duda, Holly
Duda, Jonathan, City of Spring Hill
Duggan, Ines, Maury Regional Hospital
Duncan, Bruce, NHC
Duncan, Walker, Nashville Post
Eddins, Michelle, Spring Hill Physicians
Edwards, Monica, Esq.
Elrod, Dan H., Esq., Miller & Martin
Essex, Nathalie
Evans, Bob, Spring Hill Senior Citizens
Evins, Starling C., MD, Chief of Staff, Franklin Urological Associates
Felts, Vick M.
Fiske, Nelly
Fly, Sandra, Maury Regional Hospital
Foster, Debra, Williamson Medical Center
Fran, Heather
Franklin, Jerry M., MD, Director of Cardio-vascular Services, Williamson Medical Center
Gage, Robin, Population Consultant
Gann, James, Roane Medical Center
Garnett, Vicar
Garrison, Stephanie, Esq., Gordon & Garrison
Gold, Andrea, Williamson Medical Center
Gooch, Warren, Esq., Kramer, Rayson, Leake, Rodgers & Morgan
Gordon, Huntly, Board Member, Spring Hill Chamber of Commerce
Griffin, Kathleen, MD
Grimmitt, Dot, Maury Regional Hospital
Hamilton, Eddie, MD, President, Centennial Pediatrics
Hammock, Rita, Williamson Medical Center
Hampton, Michael, AmeriCare
Hancock, Anne, Maury Regional Hospital
Haynes, Kristen
Heatherly, Neil A., CHE, CEO, StoneCrest Medical Center
Heyden, Ila
Hickman, Wayne, Maury Regional Hospital
Hill, Ronald W., VP Strategic Development, Vanderbilt University Medical Center
Hooper, Ken
Houchin, Barbara, Director of Strategic Planning, St. Thomas Health System
Hove, Bart, CEO, Bristol Regional Medical Center
Hudson, Keith, Spring Hill Physicians
Isley, L. Lee, Vice President, Morristown-Hamblen Healthcare System

Jeffers, Raymond, MD
Jenkins, Peter
Jenkins, Rita
Jobe, Cindy
Jobe, J. Scott, MD, Spring Hill Physicians
Johnson, Miles, Hospital Corporation of America
Jones, Sarah, TriStar
Judkins, Joselyn, Spring Hill Physicians
Julios, Michael J., Sr. Manager, LBMC Healthcare Group
Keltner, Howard
Kenedy, Lee Ann
Kisber, Paige, Hospital Alliance of Tennessee
Klein, Jennifer, Williamson Medical Center
Klein, Rodger, Williamson Medical Center
Kloess, Lawrence H., III FACHE, President, TriStar Health System
Kolb, Deborah, Mitretek
Langlois, John
Lammaster, Danny
Lee, Gail, Voices 4 Care Chair, Maury Regional Hospital Auxiliary
Leverette Danny, Mayor, City of Spring Hill
Leverette, Tammy
Lewis, Kim, Hospital Corporation of America
List, Paula, Williamson Medical Center
Little, Frank
Little, Neill
Love, Michael, Crown Surgery Center
Love, Shea, President, Crown Surgery Center
Lovett, Allen, EMS Director, Williamson Medical Center
Manel, Alicia, Williamson Medical Center
Maples, Arthur, Director Strategic Analysis, Baptist Memorial Health Care
McAlexander, Dan, PhD, Provost, Belmont University
McCord, Rachel
McKay, Charles, MD, CEO, Tennessee Oncology, PLLC
Meadows, Janet, RN, Director, Williamson Medical Center
Merrill, Derek, Gallery Café
Merrill, Tara, Co-owner, Gallery Café
Merville, LaDonna, Hospital Alliance of Tennessee
Miller, Dennis E., CEO, Williamson Medical Center
Miller, Tom, Mayor, City of Franklin
Mills, Priscilla, CEO, Lakeway Regional Hospital
Mitchell Elliot, Alderman, Spring Hill Board of Mayor & Alderman
Morris, Jennie, Morristown-Hamblen Healthcare System
Morrow, Geri
Murdic, Deborah, CNO, Williamson Medical Center
Murphy, Marissa, TriStar
Myers, Donna, CEO, Crown Surgery Center
Nicely, David, StoneCrest Medical Center
Ogilvie, Trent, Executive Director, Columbia Housing Authority
Orme, Lori, CNO Surgery, Williamson Medical Center
Ottwell, Robert, CEO, Maury Regional Hospital
Owens, Perry, TriStar
Ozburn, Tom, Summit Medical Center
Paige, Charles
Penny, Linda, Comptroller's Office
Perkins, Ashley, Williamson Medical Center
Phillips, Bob, Mayor, City of Lewisburg
Phillips, Faris
Plumlee, George, Statistical Anaylst, Department of Health
Pope, Ron, Maury Regional Hospital
Potter, Jeff, LBMC Healthcare, LLC

Potts, Meredith, Williamson Medical Center
Prodda, Stefan
Pryse, Joe
Puckett, Fran, DON, Roane Medical Center
Rader, General
Ramsey, Holly
Reynolds, Mike, Southern Hills Medical Center
Rich, Leslie
Richardson, Scott, Esq., Boulton, Cummings, Connors & Berry
Robinette, Sandra, Spring Hill Chamber of Commerce
Roborunski, Rachel
Roll, Ellen, Williamson Medical Center
Ryan, Teonna, HCA
Salyer, Cindy, Vice President, Cardiovascular Services, Johnson City Medical Center
Scarvey, Tim, Vice President, Development, Hospital Corporation of America
Schlag, Dawn
Scott, Frances, Williamson Medical Center
Searcy, Jason, Planning Analyst, Bristol Regional Medical Center
Segal, Al
Sheridan, Jay, McNeely, Pigott & Fox Publications
Simmons, John O., MD, MPH, President/CEO, CORE Physicians, LLC
Singer, Gary, MD, Southeastern Emergency Physicians
Siren, William E., President/Partner, LBMC Healthcare Group, LLC
Smith, Teri, Hospital Corporation of America
Sowell, Dot, Maury Regional Hospital
Stafford, Jacqueline, OB/GYN, Williamson Medical Center
Stamps, Henry, MD
Stanfill, Tim, Summit Medical Center
Stinson, Reba, Williamson Medical Center
Swanson, Richard, Morristown-Hamblen Healthcare System
Tarkington, William
Tarmela, Catherine
Taylor, Ellen, Williamson Medical Center
Taylor, Jerry W., Esq., Farris, Mathews, Branam, Bobango, Hellen & Dunlap, PLC
Thompson, Ann, Director, Health Care Facilities, Tennessee Department of Health
Thompson, Tom C., MD, UT Surgical Associates
Trauger, Byron, Esq., Trauger & Tuke
Trenouth, Pam
Urbarrick, Kelly
Wade, Freddie, MD, Chief of Staff, Maury Regional Hospital
Wade, Jim
Walter, Bill, Maury Regional Hospital
Warren, Dawn, StoneCrest Medical Center
Webb, Donald, CFO, Williamson Medical Center
Wellborn, John, Development Support Group
Wells, Betty, Maury Regional Hospital
West, Shandra, TriStar
West, William H., Esq., Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz
White, Dee, Maury Regional Hospital
Williams, Rita, Maury Regional Hospital
Wood, Betsy, Tennessee Hospital Association
Worley, Teresa
Wright, Will, Esq., Stites & Harbison
Young, Chuck, Esq., Kramer, Rayson, Leake, Rodgers & Morgan

Executive Director, Melanie Hill, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. in the Meeting Room 12 of Legislative Plaza, Nashville, Tennessee.

DIRECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Melanie Hill, Executive Director, made the following announcements: The reappointment of Mr. Lammert; Ms. Coile's resignation from the Department of Commerce and Insurance; Darin Gordon's appointment as Director of TennCare and his naming Dr. Collier to serve as designee; and the death of former Health Facilities Commission member Marshall Whisnant.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ms. Hill opened the floor for nominations for Chair.

Ms. Weaver nominated Dr. Caldwell to serve as Chair. Ms. Flowers seconded. Dr. Caldwell declined.

Dr. Caldwell nominated Mr. Koella to serve as Chair. Mr. Atchley seconded. The motion CARRIED [7-0-1].

AYE: Troy, Flowers, Koella, Atchley, Lammert, Jones, Caldwell

NAY: None

ABSTAINED: Weaver

Ms. Hill opened floor for nominations for Vice-Chair.

Mr. Koella nominated Dr. Caldwell to serve as Vice-Chair. Mr. Atchley seconded. The motion CARRIED [8-0-0].

AYE: Troy, Flowers, Koella, Atchley, Lammert, Weaver, Jones, Caldwell

NAY: None

CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATIONS

Mark Farber summarized the following CON applications:

Spring Hill Hospital - (Spring Hill, Maury County) - Project No. CN0604-028

The establishment and development of a fifty-six (56) bed general hospital. The project also includes the acquisition of a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) unit and a computerized tomography (CT) scanner, and the initiation of MRI services. Upon approval fifty-six (56) beds will be delicensed from two (2) of HCA's Middle Tennessee hospitals. Twenty-eight (28) beds each from Horizon Medical Center (Dickson, Dickson County) and Hendersonville Medical Center (Hendersonville, Sumner County) will be delicensed. Project Cost \$105,000,000.00.

Jerry W. Taylor, Esq., representing the applicant, addressed the Agency and Lawrence H. Kloess, III FACHE, President, TriStar Health System spoke on behalf of the project. Speaking in support: Danny Leverette, Mayor, City of Spring Hill; Dan McAlexander, PhD, Provost, Belmont University; Eddie Hamilton, MD, President, Centennial Pediatrics; Gary Singer, MD, Southeastern Emergency Physicians; Glen Barber, President, Haynes Crossing Homeowners Association; Craig Cole, P.E., VP Development Services, GBT Realty Corporation; Charles McKay, MD, CEO, Tennessee Oncology, PLLC; J. Scott Jobe, MD, Spring Hill Physicians; Keith Hudson, Spring Hill Physicians; Tara Merrill, Co-Owner, Gallery Café; Bob Evans, Spring Hill Senior Citizens; Huntly Gordon, Board Member, Spring Hill Chamber of Commerce; Elliot Mitchell, Alderman, Spring Hill Board of Mayor & Alderman; Cindy Jobe; Robin Gage, Population Consultant; and Tim Scarvey.

Present in support were: John O. Simmons, MD, President/CEO, CORE Physicians, LLC and John L. Wellborn, Consultant.

Speaking in opposition of the project were: Dan H. Elrod, Esq., representing Maury Regional Hospital; Freddie Wade, MD, Chief of Staff, Maury Regional Hospital; Warren L. Gooch, Esq., representing Williamson Medical Center; Starling C. Evins, MD, Chief of Staff, Franklin Urological Associates; Rogers Anderson, Williamson County Mayor; Tom Miller, Mayor, City of Franklin; Bob Burklow, Mayor, City of Hohenwald; James L. Bailey, Jr., Mayor, City of Columbia; Jerry M. Franklin, MD, Director of Cardio-vascular Services, Williamson Medical Center; Jacqueline Stafford, OB/GYN, WMC; Trent Ogilvie, Executive Director, Columbia Housing Authority; Bernard Burgess, MD, Franklin Surgical Specialists; Paige Kisber, Hospital Alliance of Tennessee; Bob Phillips, Mayor, City of Lewisburg; Barbara Bishop, Voices 4 Care Chair, Maury Regional Hospital Auxiliary; Gail Lee, Co-Chair, Voices 4 Care Chair, Maury Regional Hospital Auxiliary; Tom Blankenship, St. Thomas Health Systems; and Ronald W. Hill, VP Strategic Development, VUMC; Rodger Klein, Williamson Medical Center; Robert Ottwell, CEO, Maury Regional Hospital; and Allen Lovell, EMS Director, Williamson County

Present in opposition were: Chuck Young, Esq., Kramer, Rayson, Leake, Rodgers & Morgan; Deborah Murdic, CNO, Williamson Medical Center; Dennis E. Miller, CEO, Williamson Medical Center; Donald Webb, CFO, Williamson Medical Center; Jeff Potter, LBMC Healthcare, LLC; Lori Orme, CNO Surgery, Williamson Medical Center; Janet Meadows, RN, Director, WMC; and Michael J. Julios, Sr. Manager, LBMC Healthcare Group.

Mr. Taylor rebutted.

Mr. Elrod provided opposing summation.

Mr. Taylor provided summation for the applicant.

Dr. Caldwell moved for approval of the project based on: 1) Need – The need although debatable by the figures even a conservative estimate would indicate there would be need for new physicians in this area which the hospital can help bring; 2) Economic Feasibility – The project is economically feasible and the financing is no problem for HCA; and 3) The project does contribute to the orderly development of adequate and effective health care for the continuation of health care with a community-based hospital attracting primary care physicians to live and practice in the area it will be a feeder hospital to the other two (2) hospitals that already have the work force to take care of the specialties. It will be an orderly development of health care for a fast growing community. Ms. Weaver seconded the motion. The motion CARRIED [7-1-0]. **APPROVED**

AYE: Troy, Caldwell, Atchley, Lammert, Weaver, Jones, Koella

NAY: Flowers

White County Community Hospital - (Sparta, White County) - Project No. CN0604-022

The initiation of swing bed services by the designation of ten (10) licensed acute hospital beds as swing beds. This project also includes the initiation of mobile extracorporeal lithotripsy services on a two (2)-day per month basis, and the acquisition of a fixed magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) unit and initiation of MRI services. The licensed bed complement will remain unchanged at sixty (60) acute care beds. * These beds are subject to the 125 nursing home bed pool for 2005-2006. Project Cost \$3,263,519.00.

William H. West, Esq., representing the applicant, addressed the Agency and John Langlois spoke on behalf of the project.

Ms. Troy moved for approval of the project based on: 1) Need – This application does meet a need; 2) Economic Feasibility – The project is economically feasible; and 3) The project does contribute to the orderly development of adequate and effective health care. Ms. Weaver seconded the motion. The motion CARRIED [8-0-0]. **APPROVED**

AYE: Troy, Flowers, Caldwell, Atchley, Lammert, Weaver, Jones, Koella

NAY: None

Morristown Surgery Center - (Morristown, Hamblen County) - Project No. CN0602-015

The establishment of an ambulatory surgical treatment center (ASTC) with two (2) operating rooms and one (1) procedure room. Project Cost \$5,268,471.00.

William H. West, Esq., representing the applicant, addressed the Agency. Frank Little and Stefan Prodda spoke on behalf of the project. Present in support were: Priscilla Mills, CEO, Lakeway Regional Hospital and William E. Siren, President/Partner, LBMC Healthcare Group, LLC.

Opposing the project were: Warren L. Gooch, Esq., representing Morristown-Hamblen Healthcare System and Associates of the Meridian; Mark Davenport, MD, Hamblen Anesthesia; and Tom C. Thompson, MD, UT Surgical Associates. Present in opposition were: Richard L. Clark, President/CEO, Morristown-Hamblen Healthcare System; L. Lee Isley, Vice President, Morristown-Hamblen Healthcare System; Deborah Clifton, Administrator, Morristown-Hamblen Healthcare System-Meridian; Debra Anderson, Vice President/CNO, Morristown-Hamblen Healthcare System; Jennie Morris, Morristown-Hamblen Healthcare System; Richard Swanson, Morristown-Hamblen Healthcare System; Jerry Wayne Burke, Partner, Burke-Ailey Construction Company; Tom Cravens, Esq.; and Chuck Young, Esq.

Mr. West rebutted.

Mr. Gooch summated for opposition.

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Mr. West summated for the applicant.

Mr. Koella moved for denial of the project based on: 1) Need – There is a lack of need; and 2) The project does not contribute to the orderly development of adequate and effective health care. Ms. Flowers seconded the motion. The motion CARRIED [6-2-0]. **DENIED**

AYE: Troy, Flowers, Caldwell, Lammert, Jones, Koella
NAY: Atchley, Weaver

Ms. Troy recused

Memphis Long Term Care Specialty Hospital - (Memphis, Shelby County) - Project No. CN0603-019

The establishment of a long term acute care hospital containing twenty-four (24) beds. The hospital will be located on the third floor of Americare Health Center of Memphis, an existing licensed 237 bed nursing home. No other health care services will be initiated. Project Cost \$750,000.00.

Michael D. Brent, Esq., representing the applicant, addressed the Agency. Dr. Kathleen Griffin spoke on behalf of the project and Dr. Henry Stamps spoke in support of the project. Present in support were: Raymond Jeffers, MD; Monica Edwards, Esq.; and Michael Hampton, Americare.

Speaking in opposition were: Dan H. Elrod, Esq., representing, Baptist Memorial Health Care; and Graham Baker, Esq., representing, Select Specialty Hospital-Memphis. Present in opposition was Arthur Maples, Director Strategic Analysis, Baptist Memorial Health Care.

Mr. Brent rebutted.

Mr. Elrod and Mr. Baker summated for the opposition.

Mr. Brent summated for the applicant.

Mr. Atchley moved for approval of the project based on: 1) Need – The need will be met for a segment of population that is not being served, they are in that vicious circle of going home and back to the hospitals; 2) Economic Feasibility – The project is economically feasible, based on 60% TennCare; and 3) The project does contribute to the orderly development of adequate and effective health care by taking care of the segment of population not being served. **CONDITIONS: Not withstanding T.C.A. § 68-11-1607(g) additional beds cannot be added without a new Certificate of Need. TennCare contract must be proven in one (1) year, if not proven, the CON will be subject to a Revocation Hearing. Services are to be limited to Long term acute care patients as defined by current or subsequent CMS regulations.** Dr. Caldwell seconded the motion. The motion CARRIED [6-1-0]. **APPROVED**

AYE: Flowers, Caldwell, Atchley, Lammert, Weaver, Jones
NAY: Koella

Crown Surgery Center - (Tullahoma, Coffee County) - Project No. CN0604-024

Establishment of an ambulatory surgical treatment center with two (2) operating rooms. Project Cost \$442,850.00.

Donna Myers, CEO, representing the applicant, addressed the Agency. Shea Love, President and Michael Love were present on behalf of the project.

Graham Baker, Esq., representing Ambulatory Surgical Associates, stated that opposition will be withdrawn if the center is for single specialty limited to dental and oral/maxillofacial surgery.

Mr. Lammert moved for approval of the project based on: 1) Need – There is a need for the service in the Tullahoma area; 2) Economic Feasibility – The project is economically feasible; and 3) The project does contribute to the orderly development of adequate and effective health care in the Tullahoma area. **CONDITION: A single-specialty ASTC limited to dental and oral/maxillofacial surgery only and does not include plastic surgery.** Dr. Caldwell seconded the motion. The motion CARRIED [8-0-0]. **APPROVED**

AYE: Troy, Flowers, Caldwell, Atchley, Lammert, Weaver, Jones, Koella

NAY: None

Roane Medical Center - (Harriman, Roane County) - Project No. CN0604-025

The initiation of swing bed services through the conversion of ten (10) acute care beds to swing beds. The total number of licensed beds will be reduced from 109 to 105. Other than swing beds no other health services will be initiated or discontinued. Project Cost \$17,000.00. * These beds are subject to the 125 nursing home bed pool for 2005-2006.

Dan H. Elrod, Esq., representing the applicant, addressed the Agency. Edwin W. Day, Consultant, Fran Puckett, DON and James Gann spoke on behalf of the project.

Dr. Caldwell moved for approval of the project based on: 1) Need – The need is there as the patients are already there and the hospital is not getting paid for their care; 2) Economic Feasibility – The project is economically feasible and helps the bottom line; and 3) The project does contribute to the orderly development of adequate and effective health care by allowing physicians to provide a continuity of care for the patient. Commissioner Flowers seconded the motion. The motion CARRIED [8-0-0]. **APPROVED**

AYE: Troy, Flowers, Caldwell, Atchley, Lammert, Weaver, Jones, Koella
NAY: None

Bristol Regional Medical Center - (Bristol, Sullivan County) - Project No. CN0604-026

The renovation of 8,300 square feet of existing space and expansion of 20,000 square feet of newly constructed space in the emergency department. The project does not initiate or discontinue any other health service, or change any licensed bed complement. Project Cost \$13,848,486.14.

Byron Trauger, Esq., representing the applicant, addressed the Agency. Bart Hove, CEO and Jason Searcy, Planning Analyst spoke on behalf of the project.

Ms. Troy moved for approval of the project based on: 1) Need – There is a need for this project; 2) Economic Feasibility – The project is economically feasible; and 3) The project does contribute to the orderly development of adequate and effective health care. Mr. Lammert seconded the motion. The motion CARRIED [8-0-0]. **APPROVED**

AYE: Troy, Flowers, Caldwell, Atchley, Lammert, Weaver, Jones, Koella
NAY: None

Johnson City Medical Center - (Johnson City, Washington County) - Project No. CN0604-027

The construction of 16,350 square feet of new space and renovation of 3,295 square feet for the existing cardiac catheterization labs and the dedicated chest pain clinic. The project does not initiate any new services or change the licensed bed complement. Project Cost \$8,504,801.00.

Dan H. Elrod, Esq., representing the applicant, addressed the Agency. Speaking on behalf of the project were Tony Benton, Asst. VP, Strategic Planning, and Cindy Salyer, Vice President, Cardiovascular Services.

Ms. Troy moved for approval of the project based on: 1) Need – There is a need; 2) Economic Feasibility – The project is economically feasible; and 3) The project does contribute to the orderly development of adequate and effective health care. Mr. Lammert seconded the motion. The motion CARRIED [8-0-0]. **APPROVED**

AYE: Troy, Flowers, Caldwell, Atchley, Lammert, Weaver, Jones, Koella
NAY: None

OTHER BUSINESS

Discontinued OB services – Ms. Hill reported that from 1990 to the present that twenty-two (22) hospitals had discontinued services; eleven (11) from July 2002 to present; six (6) from 1998 to July 2002; and five (5) between 1991 to 1997.

CURRENT REPORTS

Statistical Reports

The reports were accepted into the record.

Finance, Ways and Means Committee Reports

The reports were accepted into the record.

Minutes

The minutes of the June 26, 2006, meeting were accepted by unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Melanie M. Hill, Executive Director

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