

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 10:00 a.m., August 27, 1980, in a special called meeting.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

C. Waldo Marlowe, Chairman

Junior W. Dew, Vice-Chairman

Edward W. Williamson

L. A. Hinson

David L. McPherson

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and he stated the purpose of the meeting was to again discuss the application of a certificate of need for a skilled nursing center in the Miller Building. (Old Hospital)

Also present at the meeting were Jerry Ledwell, Architect, Charlotte, N. C. and Wade Avant, Jr., Vice-President of Moderncare, Inc., Whiteville, N. C.

There was a lengthy discussion concerning the number of beds available for skilled nursing care, the need for such beds to be made available and the regulations under which counties in the area must apply. It was pointed out by Mr. Ledwell that under the present regulations the Cardinal Health Agency would be obligated to turn down an application by Columbus County for a certificate of need for 48 beds but that there are a total of 158 beds available to counties in this region. Only one-third of these beds can be made available this year. Statistics were provided by the Department of Social Services that stated there are now 20 skilled nursing patients outside the County in homes. Members of the Board stated they have had a number of citizens to request the County provide a skilled nursing service in the county so patients can be nearer to their family. Also it was generally accepted that at the time the new hospital was built, that a part of the old hospital would be used for a nursing care facility because of federal funds that had been used to build the old hospital were restricted for health care purposes for a period of time.

Mr. Ledwell stated that if Columbus County wished to apply for a certificate of need for skilled nursing care beds, that they should submit an incomplete application by September 2, 1980, to the Cardinal Health Agency and also, send a letter to the Agency requesting that a change in allocation of beds in this region be made to allow counties in this region to draw from other counties' allocation who do not wish to apply for beds and not use county lines except for statistical information.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed that the Board send a letter to the Cardinal Health Agency respectfully requesting that the following paragraph be included in the Cardinal Health Agency's planning for allocation for long-term care beds:

Allocation of beds within the region will be on the basis of county to county needs as determined by the HSP, except that county allocations can be transferred to adjoining counties if necessary to assure most effective size facilities.

A further motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed that Jerry Ledwell be authorized to submit an application to Cardinal Health Agency for a certificate of need, and if granted, allow the voters of Columbus County to vote on a bond issue to fund the initial capital outlay expenditures to prepare the Miller Hall section of the Old Hospital Building for a skilled nursing home center.

Mr. Avant stated that he felt this would be a waste of taxpayers money as the service is being provided by private enterprise with no cost to the taxpayers of the County.

The following Resolution was passed upon motion by Commissioner Williamson and seconded by Commissioner Dew:

WHEREAS, Dr. F. M. Carroll has been previously nominated for the position with the Cardinal Health Agency in the position of provider; and

WHEREAS, Dr. F. M. Carroll has been well known as a physician in Columbus County, North Carolina, as an active supporter of all health services; and

WHEREAS, the COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS was not previously notified by said Cardinal Health Agency of a vacancy occurring on said Board, and the Office of the Board of County Commissioners was not aware that a vacancy existed; and

WHEREAS, Dr. F. M. Carroll, to the present knowledge and belief of the Board of County Commissioners, is not presently associated with any nursing home or convalescent facility governed by the Cardinal Health Agency, and therefore, has no vested interest in any facility except as a physician for the health, safety and well-being of the citizens of North Carolina;

IT IS, THEREFORE, RESOLVED by the COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that the name of F. M. Carroll, M.D., of Chadbourn, North Carolina, be and the same is hereby submitted to the Cardinal Health Agency as Columbus County's nominee for the position of provider which is now vacant on the Board of Directors of the Cardinal Health Agency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that it requests that all notices be given at the Office of the Board of County Commissioners at the Columbus County Administrative Building, 111 Washington Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, 28472, of any future notices, whether the same is applicable by law or not, for any future vacancies which may occur on the said Board.

ATTESTED TO:

/s/ Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ C. W. Marlowe, Chairman

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed that Jim Hill, Jr., County Attorney, draw the necessary documents, as provided for in Chapter 55A of the General Statutes of North Carolina, to form a corporation for a skilled nursing home and the following are hereby appointed to serve on the said Board:

Jeffery Fisher, Rt. 3, Whiteville
Claude Boyd, Tabor City

Elviria Baldwin, Rt 2, Whiteville
Leo Mercer, Chadbourn

Clemmon Jacobs, Riegelwood

It was further ordered that the Hospital Board of Trustees name two additional members to the Board for the Corporation, making a total of seven members.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Dew... and passed that Leo Mercer be appointed to serve as the first Chairman of the Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed that the name of the corporation be Columbus County Nursing Center, Inc.

Upon motion the meeting adjourned until September 2, 1980, which is regular meeting time, Monday being a legal holiday.

APPROVED:

Emogene W. Suggs
Clerk

C. Walds Marcell
Chairman