

HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

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TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023 AT 5:15 P.M.

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Board Members

Rick Muggridge, Chairman
Bruce Houston, D.O., Vice-Chairman
Jennifer Heyer, Secretary
Dana Hager
Randy Carr

The Lee County Hospital Authority met in a work session on Tuesday, March 14, 2023. The meeting was held in the Opal Cannon Auditorium of the Lee County T. Page Tharp Governmental Building in Leesburg, Georgia. Those present were Chairman Rick Muggridge, Secretary Jennifer Heyer, Dana Hager, and Randy Carr. Staff in attendance was County Attorney Jimmy Skipper. Vice-Chairman Bruce Houston was absent. Chairman Muggridge called the meeting to order at 5:23pm.

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- (A) **Consideration to approve the minutes for the Hospital Authority meeting for February 2, 2023.**
Dana Hager made the **MOTION** to approve the Hospital Authority meeting minutes for February 2, 2023. Randy Carr seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Secretary Jennifer Heyer voting yea.

NEW BUSINESS

- (A) **Consideration to approve the Underwriter/Placement Agent Engagement Letter Relating to Potential Municipal Securities Transaction for the Hospital Authority of Lee County.**

Attorney Jimmy Skipper summarized the letter, stating that Stifel is a company readily used in this area that places/sells bonds to third party entities. The proposal is for this authority to issue \$30 million in revenue bonds to support the new hospital, and this is in preparation for that. What this letter does is engage Stifel as the Underwriter and Placement Agent for the placement of the bonds. Under the Securities and Exchange Commission Regulation, before being allowed to really do any work in connection with the bonds and the hospital, this letter must be completed. Stifel will be paid for their work out of the bond proceeds at the time of issuance.

Randy Carr made the **MOTION** to approve the Underwriter/Placement Agent Engagement Letter Relating to Potential Municipal Securities Transaction for the Hospital Authority of Lee County and authorize the Chairman of the Hospital Authority to sign. Secretary Jennifer Heyer seconded the **MOTION**. The **MOTION** was unanimous with Dana Hager voting yea.

- (B) **Consideration to waive the potential conflicts of interest with respect to County Attorney Skipper's involvement with Lee County Hospital project. HANDOUT**

Chairman Rick Muggridge summarized the item, stating that Attorney Jimmy Skipper is the attorney for the Lee County Board of Commissioners, the Development Authority, and the Hospital Authority. This could become a potential conflict of interest, and in the event one of the entities does not agree one of entities may acquire outside counsel.

Chairman Rick Muggridge stated that he did not wish for the Authority to vote tonight but at the next meeting to give them time to review.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NONE

Chairman Rick Muggridge asked members of the Authority if there was any additional new or old business they wished to discuss.

Chairman Rick Muggridge acknowledged Development Authority Chairman Greg Crowder in the audience and inquired about the feasibility study Mr. Crowder had initiated, to which Mr. Crowder responded that he hadn't received any results back yet, but it should be within approximately one week.

With no additional business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:32PM

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