

HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF BANY-DOUGHERTY COUNTY
MEETING MINUTES
February 12, 2009

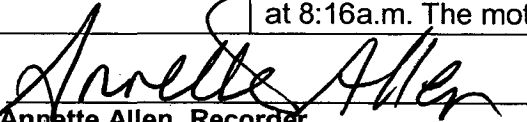
Attendees: Authority board Members: Ernest Benson, Ph.D., Lamar Reese, Wilhelmina Hall, Charles Lingle, Jyotir Mehta, M.D., John Inman, Jr. M.D., Rev. H.B. Johnson, Ralph Rosenberg and Rev. Eugene Sherman Also present were Joel Wernick, Authority Attorney, James Reynolds, PPHS General Counsel, Tommy Chambless and Annette Allen, recorder.

Absent:

Called To Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Benson at 7:30a.m. in the Willson Board Room of PPMH.

Topic/Discussion	Conclusion	Recommendations/Actions
<p>Open Meeting and Establish a Quorum Dr. Benson welcomed Authority and stated a quorum is represented.</p>		
<p>Approval of the Agenda Dr. Benson reviewed the agenda.</p>		A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.
<p>Approval of the Minutes</p>		The minutes of the November 6, 2008 meetings were approved.
<p>Welcome Dr. Benson welcomed Dr. Mehta as a new member to the Hospital Authority. Dr. Mehta is the new President of the Medical Staff.</p>		
<p>Phoebe Sumter Update Dr. Benson reminded the Authority Phoebe has been in negotiations with Sumter County Hospital to attain a lease agreement. He asked Mr. Wernick to update the Authority of those negotiations.</p>		
<p>Mr. Wernick reminded the Authority of its decision in 1990 to restructure and lease the assets to Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital, Inc. He outlined the benefits to the citizens in southwest Georgia. Management is in negotiations with Sumter County Hospital Authority for a 40 year lease agreement to provide medical services and a facility to the Sumter county citizens. He reminded the Authority the current hospital was destroyed by a tornado and is operating in a temporary building. The Sumter County Authority has approved the purchase of property to build a new facility and to relocate the hospital. The new property provides enough acreage for a new Hospital and medical office building as well as space for future growth and</p>		

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<p>development. The current facility is licensed for 150 beds. The new facility will be designed for a minimum of 76 beds with potential for growth and the ability to have 100 beds. Mr. Wernick stated Phoebe's goal is to sustain medical care in the Sumter county community. He also stated physician recruitment efforts are underway to increase the number of physicians with varied medical specialties servicing the Sumter County area. Management anticipates a signed lease agreement between the Sumter County Hospital Authority and the new corporation, Phoebe Sumter Medical Center, Inc. (PSMC) by late June or July 2009.</p>		
<p>Medical Tower II Mr. Wernick stated at the conclusion of the meeting he invites all in attendance for a tour of the new Medical Tower and it's Oncology Center.</p>		
<p>Closing Remarks Dr. Benson stated his closing remarks related his health.</p>		
<p>Next meeting</p>	<p>Dr. Benson stated the next meeting date is May 14, 2009.</p>	
<p>Adjournment</p>		<p>A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 8:16a.m. The motion passed unanimously.</p>


 Annette Allen, Recorder