

POLK COUNTY
5:00PM BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' SPECIAL MEETING
May 10, 2011
R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice
Womack Building
Columbus, NC
MINUTES

PRESENT: Chair Gasperson, Vice-Chair McDermott, Commissioner Owens, Commissioner Pack and Commissioner Walker. Also in attendance were County Manager Whitson, County Attorney Egan, Clerk to the Board Fehrmann, staff, media and citizens.

1. Call to Order – Chair Gasperson called the meeting to order.
2. Invocation – Commissioner Pack gave the invocation.
3. St. Luke's Hospital Improvements – Ken Shull, Executive Director, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed hospital project, a copy of which is on file with these minutes. Vice-Chair McDermott made a motion to adopt the resolution approving certification attached to the certificate of need application to be filed by St. Luke's Hospital, Incorporated, with the Certificate of Need Section of the Division of Health Services Regulation, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, seconded by Commissioner Owens and the motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chair McDermott read the following statement:

At some point, the Board of Commissioners will need to address St. Luke's Hospital's request that the hospital building and the land on which it sets be donated to the Hospital.

That decision has not been made yet, either by the Board of Commissioners as a whole or by me. That decision must await thorough research of the facts and the law.

Nevertheless, I have heard from a number of people that they have been told that I have already made such a decision and that I am in favor of donating the building and grounds to the Hospital. I have not made any such decision.

If you have been told that I have already made such a decision, your source is either badly misinformed, or he or she is intentionally telling you something that is untrue.

4. Adjourn – Commissioner Owens made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Walker, and the motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

POLK COUNTY BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS

Beth Fehrmann
Clerk to the Board

Ray Gasperson
Chair