Hart County Board of Commissioners

Called Meeting

June 17, 2013

5:30 p.m.

The Hart County Board of Commissioners and the Hart County Hospital Authority June 17, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at the Hart County Administrative & Emergency Services Center.

Chairman William Myers presided with Commissioners R C Oglesby, Daniel Reyen, Brandon Johnson and Joey Dorsey in attendance.

Hospital Authority Chairman Tony Hilton, Alice Glenn, Pudge Smith, Jim Spencer, Larry Fouch, David Thompson, Robert Clark and Dr. Gordon Irwin were in attendance.

Chairman Myers called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Dorsey explained that the county is facing budget shortfall challenges for the upcoming fiscal year and one area of concern is Emergency Medical Services. He explained that the EMS Director is requesting adding an additional crew consisting of six people plus a supervisor; the need to replace an ambulance and consider an additional EMS substation in the county.

Various questions were asked in regards to overtime, call volume, cooperation with surrounding counties for EMS needs.

EMS Director Terrell Partain explained that overtime will not decrease with adding an additional crew due to the nature of the 24/7 shift structure; call volume has increased due to the aging population; 30% of the patients are transported to Ty Cobb Regional Medical Center the remaining patients request to be transported to other facilities; counties have mutual aid agreements however, boundaries are determined and governed by the state.

Chairman Hilton explained that the funds the Hospital Authority will be responsible for managing is governed for specific needs 1) Access to health care, 2) Wellness and 3) Education

He explained that the authority has contracted with Reddy Urgent Care to provide 80 hours a week of health care at the former hospital emergency area; funds have been provided to the YMCA to expand their facility for wellness and education programs.

He also explained that the funds do not belong to the authority; that they are trying to filter requests and need specific request that will fall within the parameters of heath care, wellness and education.

 The BOC requested that the authority consider funding a new ambulance at this time.

Chairman Hilton responded that they will discuss the request at their July 16, 2013 meeting and report back to County Administrator Caime.

With no further action taken, the meeting was adjourned.

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William Myers, Chairman Lawana Kahn, County Clerk