



Minutes of
City of Creedmoor
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Special Meeting
Granville Medical Center
August 4, 2010
3:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Darryl D. Moss, Mayor Pro-Tem Jimmy Minor, Commissioner Tim Karan, Commissioner Otha Piper, Jr., Commissioner John Stallings and Commissioner Herman Wilkerson. Also present were Mr. Tom Mercer, City Manager, and Korena Weichel, Deputy City Clerk.

DISCUSSION

The meeting was not called to order. Mayor Moss made an opening statement that the board was present to provide data from Creedmoor to enable Granville Health System to support our community after the transition of the EMS from Granville County to the Granville Health System.

Commissioner Minor asked Mr. Lee Isley, Chief Executive Officer of Granville Health Systems (GHS), what the long term plans were in regards to providing EMS services to the citizens of Creedmoor. Mr. Isley answered by stating that GHS is committed to transparency and will be above-board in its dealings with Creedmoor. He reviewed how Granville County had approached GHS to ask if they would consider management/operation of EMS. In the first phase of transition, Mr. Isley noted that GHS has focused on making the transition from the County and now want to focus on the health care aspect.

Mr. Isley then firmly stated that GHS is committed to expanding coverage throughout Granville County and not to closing any bases that are currently operating. He repeated that there were no plans to close the EMS base in Creedmoor and that, while GHS is exploring implementing a quick response vehicle, no commitment has been made as of this date.

Commissioner Minor questioned Mr. Isley regarding information the Commissioners had received indicating that the Creedmoor unit would go from a transport unit to a quick response unit on September 16th. Mr. Isley answered by saying that there has not been any commitment to this change and that GHS would be making sure the transition of EMS services occurs efficiently for the County and our communities. He promised to build a quality national benchmark EMS system with a 20 minute on-scene time, a time frame that Creedmoor is not currently meeting.

Commissioner Piper asked about a first responder unit being in place in the southern and northern end of the County, pointing out that this is critical for patient lives.

Mayor Moss asked how the City of Creedmoor can assist GHS in their efforts?

Mr. Isley stated that, after the final decision was made, GHS would sit down and work out several different scenarios if Creedmoor did not agree with the decision. He reiterated that GHS is committed to

continue to meet national standards and to building a premiere system to provide services that benefit all communities in the County.

Commissioner Piper inquired about charging a specific dollar amount per household (aka, a subscription fee) for service, mimicking the current policy in Wake County. Mr. Isley agreed that could be a possibility and GHS would look into it.

Commissioner Minor asked about the building which houses the EMS station. Mr. Isley said that the Lions Club has allowed use of this building at a reasonable rate and that, as with all bases, the utmost concerns and priorities are the safety and security of staff.

The President of the Lions Club, Lynwood Hicks, spoke to ask if the lease of the building had been assumed by GHS. Mr. Isley answered in the affirmative that the leases of all stations had been assumed by GHS.

Commissioner Minor queried what the national standards were to which Mr. Isley had referred. Mr. Isley replied that, while not NFPA standards, they are a measurable performance standard and agreed to get the benchmarks for Commissioner Minor's review.

Commissioner Wilkerson asked about reasons as to why Creedmoor was not meeting the 20 minute on-scene time to which Mr. Isley stated there could be any number of reasons the standard is not being met, such as hampered access to patients. Mr. Isley reminded the Board that the EMS service through GHS has been in operation for only 34 days, during which time the real focus has been on employees, safety, providing good service to the County and communities, and patient care.

Mayor Moss concluded by saying that he wanted to impress upon GHS the importance of proactive communication and the disappointment felt when the Board learned of the changes to EMS services from the newspaper. He reiterated that the City of Creedmoor is interested in assisting GHS. Mr. Isley agreed to commit to proactive communication with the City.

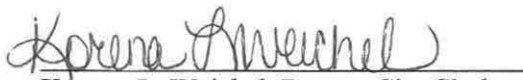
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was not adjourned.



Darryl D. Moss, Mayor

ATTEST:



Korena L. Weichel, Deputy City Clerk