

CARSON CITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Minutes of the March 9, 1989 Joint Meeting
with the Carson-Tahoe Hospital Board of Trustees

A special joint meeting with the Carson-Tahoe Hospital Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, March 9, 1989, at the Carson-Tahoe Hospital Health Education Center, 775 Fleischmann Way, Carson City, Nevada, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Marv Teixeira Mayor
Marilee Chirila Supervisor, Ward 3
Ron Swirczek Supervisor, Ward 1
Tom Fettic Supervisor, Ward 2
Kay Bennett Supervisor, Ward 4

STAFF: L. H. Hamilton City Manager
Bob Auer Deputy District Attorney
Katherine McLaughlin Recording Secretary
(B.O.S. 3/9/89 Tape 1-001 Side A)

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL - Hospital Board Chairperson Small called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS - Mayor Teixeira then introduced the Board of Supervisors and City staff. Chairperson Small introduced his Board and staff. A quorum of both Boards was present although Trustees Potter and Nicosia had not yet arrived. At the conclusion of his introductions, Trustee Nicosia arrived.

Chairperson Small then welcomed the Board and noted the overlapping duties of the Boards, the Hospital's financial position, its changing patient services, and reasons why his Board had considered privatization. (During his comments, Trustee Pat Potter arrived.)

III. OVERVIEW OF THE HEALTH CARE ENVIRONMENT - Hospital Administrator Tom Collier then welcomed the Board and explained in more detail the patient services which had been offered in the past, the present services, and services which may be provided in the future. His explanation included a poster board flip chart which utilized graphs and outlined these services and revenue sources.

IV. CARSON-TAHOE'S VISION, PERFORMANCE, AND STRATEGIES - Mr. Collier then explained reasons why the Hospital had diversified many years ago. He felt that this diversification had helped the hospital continue to remain fiscally sound when other small public hospitals have faltered. He then used graphs to illustrate this position. Diversification had included the satellite at Gardnerville and the emergency care center at Silver Springs. Additional service needs for these areas were included in his explanation. He then explained the recruiting which was now going on for both doctors and staff. His comments eluded to the reasons for considering privatization.

V. TOUR OF CARSON-TAHOE HOSPITAL FACILITIES AND DEMONSTRATION OF NEW TECHNOLOGY - The group was split in two. The Recording Secretary went with Mayor Teixeira, Supervisor Fettic, Supervisor Chirila, Chairperson Small, Trustee Potter, Trustee Hawes, constituting a quorum of both boards. No action was taken by either Board during this tour.

RECESS FOR DINNER - A dinner break was taken at 6:30 p.m. When the meeting reconvened at 7:15

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p.m., all Board Member were present, constituting a quorum.

VI. PRESENTATION OF SELECTED ISSUES

A. CARSON-TAHOE BUILDING PROGRAM - Hospital Director of Personnel Glen Finnell then used architectural drawings to explain the proposed expansion program and funding. Mr. Collier, Director of Outpatient Services Wayne Winnie, and Mr. Finnell responded to questions from both Boards on the funding, expansion, and services.

B. NURSE AND PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT (2-149-B) - Assistant Administrator and Director of Inpatient Services Linda Hoover then explained the new contract with the nursing staff including a comparison with other hospital wages, the recruiting and educational programs.

Mr. Collier then introduced Dr. Robert Basta. Dr. Basta then explained the physician recruitment program and reasons he had supported privatization.

C. PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE - Mr. Collier briefly outlined the hospital's liability insurance program.

D. ORGANIZATIONAL MODELS - Mr. Collier explained several organizational models and hospital changes which had occurred throughout the years including reasons for considering privatization. Both Mr. Collier and his Board supported the feeling that the time to privatize was when the hospital is making money. Their comments, however, stressed that this had been merely an option they were analyzing and not a firm commitment to privatize. Discussion also pointed out the feeling that unless the needs of Douglas and Lyon Counties are met, other hospitals would provide service to those areas and reduce the need for services at Carson-Tahoe. Comments by both Boards, Dr. Basta, and staffs indicated the need to continue to analyze service requirements and diversification when deemed appropriate. At this time, it appeared that the Hospital was adequately meeting all of the demands placed upon it, had resolved its personnel problems, was addressing the need for additional physicians, and did not need to privatize. It would, however, continue to analyze the potential for privatization when deemed an appropriate action. Discussion indicated that no formal action would be taken to privatize without the Board of Supervisors concurrence and community support.

VII. OPEN ISSUES FORUM - There being no other matters for discussion, Chairperson Small again thanked the Board of Supervisors for attending and discussing the issues. He adjourned the Hospital Board of Trustees. Mayor Teixeira adjourned the Board of Supervisors session at 8:40 p.m.

NOTE: No formal action was taken by either the Board of Supervisors or the Carson-Tahoe Board of Trustees during the meeting.

A tape recording of the proceedings is on file in the Clerk-Recorder's Office. This tape is available for review and inspection during normal business hours.

The Minutes of the Special March 9, 1989 Carson City Board of Supervisors and Carson-Tahoe Hospital Board of Trustees joint meeting

ARE SO APPROVED ON April 6, 1989.

/s/
MARV TEIXEIRA, Mayor

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ATTEST:

/s/
ALAN GLOVER, Clerk-Recorder