

FLOYD COUNTY RESOLUTION 2006 - IV

Whereas the Board of County Commissioners of Floyd County did receive, on February 7, 2006, a presentation and report with recommendations from the Task Force created under Floyd County Ordinance 2005-VIII,

and

Whereas the County Commissioners did recess on February 7 to carefully consider the presentation and the report,

and

Whereas the Commissioners have now carefully considered the evidence presented and the recommendations made by the Task Force,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED :

- 1) The Board of County Commissioners of Floyd County do publicly thank the Task Force, and each member thereof, for their hard work and service to this Board.
- 2) On the First Recommendation of the Task Force – that the Board of Commissioners of Floyd County end the current moratorium – the Board finds that there is no need to *rescind* the moratorium since enforcement has been enjoined by order of Judge Sarah Evans Barker of the United State District Court for the Southern District of Indiana as of January 18, 2006.

We can't enforce it, unless we appeal the decision. And no decision has been made whether to appeal Judge Barker's decision or not.

The moratorium is scheduled to expire in March. No decision has been made whether to attempt to enact another or different kind of moratorium when this one expires.

- 3) On the Task Force's second recommendation – that the Board of County Commissioners explore ways to recapture some of the federal and state taxes generated by for-profit hospitals and return it to Floyd County to cover the cost of

indigent care – the Board gratefully accepts this recommendation and requests that the Task Force do exactly that, investigate and report back to the Board on ways the Board could recapture taxes that may be generated by for-profit hospitals and return those monies to Floyd County to offset the cost of indigent care.

The Board would like a report from the Task Force in 6 months - on the first Tuesday of August, 2006.

- 4) On the Task Force's third recommendation – that the Board of County Commissioners take steps to ensure that any for-profit hospital and its practicing physician/owners become Medicaid-participating providers and accept Medicare assignment – the Board gratefully accepts this recommendation and requests that the Task Force investigate and report back to the Board on ways the Board could ensure that any for-profit hospital and its practicing physician-owners become Medicaid-participating providers and accept Medicare assignment.

Again the Board would like a report from the Task Force in 6 months - on the first Tuesday of August 2006.

- 5) On the Task Force's fourth recommendation – that the Board of County Commissioners NOT place an additional income tax on all for-profit hospital to help offset the cost of indigent care in our community – the Board accepts this recommendation and directs the Task force not to explore this idea any further at the present time.

- 6) The Commissioners feel the need to excuse Keith Megraw, who has recently been appointed to the Hospital Board. The Commissioners will appoint new or additional members to the Task Force, drawn from the legal community, the medical community and the community at large to help the Task Force investigate ways of recapturing taxes, and ensuring that any for-profit hospital and it's physician/owners are Medicaid participating providers and accept Medicare assignment.

- 6) The Board of Commissioners of Floyd County anxiously await the further findings of the Task Force which has been so helpful to the Board.

Resolved this 7th day of February, 2006.

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