

RESOLUTION 54 - 2010
Of
The Board of County Commissioners
For Montrose County, Colorado
To
Set Forth the Board's Position
Regarding the Montrose Memorial Hospital

WHEREAS, residents of Montrose County, in accordance with the Colorado Statutes for creating a County Public Hospital, presented petitions to the Montrose County Board of County Commissioners for the establishment of a public hospital and asking for the appointment of a public hospital board, and further asking for approval of a mill levy and bonded indebtedness for the establishment and maintenance of the public hospital; and

WHEREAS, on September 19, 1946, the Board of County Commissioners adopted a Resolution approving the petition to establish "a public hospital in and for Montrose County" and creating a Board of Trustees to govern the Hospital, with the members of said Board to be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, said Resolution called for a public vote on November 5, 1946 asking that the Board of County Commissioners "be authorized to contract an indebtedness for and on behalf of said County in the aggregate principal amount of \$65,000 for the purpose of defraying in part, the cost of erecting a public hospital within and for said County and issue the negotiable interest bearing coupons of said County as evidence thereof."; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Montrose County voted in favor of incurring the debt to construct said hospital; and

WHEREAS, the Montrose County Board of County Commissioners finds that it has been the desire and will of the residents of Montrose County to have and maintain a public hospital; and

WHEREAS, that former Montrose County Boards of County Commissioners and the current Board of County Commissioners have been supporters of maintaining Montrose Memorial Hospital for its original purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Montrose County Board of County Commissioners believes that the assets of Montrose Memorial Hospital are for the use of the Hospital as a hospital and are encumbered for the purpose of operating a public hospital to provide medical services to the people in Montrose County; and

WHEREAS, former Montrose County Boards of County Commissioners have never and the current Board of County Commissioners has never borrowed, taken or committed Hospital assets for any purpose nor does this Board contemplate any such action; and

WHEREAS, the Montrose County Board of County Commissioners has never, if even possible, contemplated, proposed or endorsed the sale of Montrose Memorial Hospital to any entity; and

WHEREAS, the Montrose County Board of County Commissioners is charged with protecting the County's interests and County public assets and will continue to monitor and exercise due diligence under the statutory authority given to it for the benefit and safekeeping of the public's trust and confidence in Montrose County Government.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Montrose County Board of County Commissioners hereby resolves as follows:

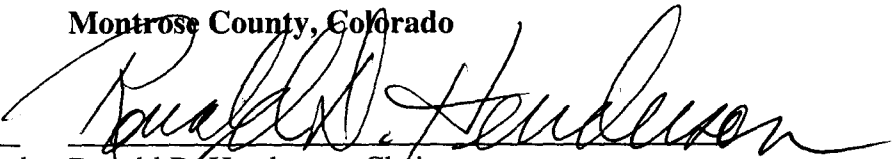
1. That it is the intention and pledge of this Board of County Commissioners that it will honor the commitment made in 1946 that there be a public hospital for the benefit of the citizens of Montrose County; and
2. That this Board will never propose the sale of the Montrose Memorial Hospital or any of its assets, and that this Board will never offer or endorse the sale of the Montrose Memorial Hospital without prior approval at countywide election by a majority of the voters of Montrose County; and
3. That this Board does not object to the lease of the Montrose Memorial Hospital to a non-profit entity for purposes of operating the Hospital provided that such lease contains adequate and reasonable provisions: to protect the Hospital as a public hospital, to maintain acceptable levels of patient and physician satisfaction, to preserve the Hospital as a provider of charity care, to pay adequate consideration for the lease, to protect the on-going operations of the Hospital, to preserve the delivery of medical services to all the people in Montrose County, and to effectively preserve and provide for the continued operation of the Hospital at the termination of the lease and return of control of the Hospital assets to the Hospital Board of Trustees; and
4. That it is the Board of County Commissioner's position that any lease by the Hospital Board of Trustees of the Hospital to a non-profit corporation be approved only after appropriate public meetings to explain the reasons for and benefits of leasing the hospital, and after the public is provided reasonable opportunity to comment.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of November, 2010.

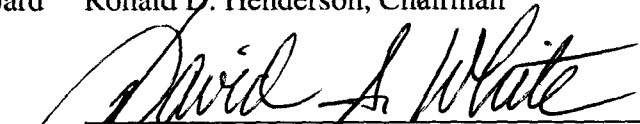
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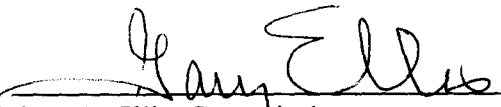
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