



MINUTES

BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

AND

BEDFORD TOWN COUNCIL

BEDFORD WELCOME CENTER

OCTOBER 20, 2014

6:30 – 7:15 p.m. Social Period
7:15 p.m. Meeting Convenes
Comments by the Chairs
Presentation of Centra CEO E. W. Tibbs
Questions from Board and Council Members
Adjourn

Board of Supervisors: Tammy Parker, Vice-Chairman, District 7; Curry Martin, District 2; Steve Wilkerson, District 3; Steve Arrington, District 5; and Annie Pollard, District 6

Absent: John Sharp, Chairman – District 4 and Bill Thomasson, District 1

Town Council: Robert Carson, C. G. Stanley, Skip Tharp, Robert Wandrei, Jim Vest, Steve Rush and Stacey Hailey

Centra Representatives: E. W. Tibbs and Patti Jurkus

Town Staff Present: Charlie Kowlakowski, Bart Warner, Will Berry and Teresa Hatcher

County Staff Present: Mark K. Reeter, Carl Boggess and Brigitte Lockett

Board of Supervisors Vice-Chairman Tammy Parker and Mayor Bob Wandrei thanked everyone for taking time to attend this evening, and then turned the meeting over to Centra CEO E. W. Tibbs.

Mr. Tibbs thanked the audience for their attendance and began a presentation that covered an overview of the Centra not-for-profit health system. Mr. Tibbs noted there are no share-holders or stock-holders, so that their profits can be reinvested back into the health care they provide. He stated that their intent is to make a living with, not off of, the community. Mr. Tibbs reviewed the hospitals, unique physician practice locations, joint ventures, etc., that are available in the Centra network. He discussed the history of events that led to Centra's recent acquisition of Bedford Memorial Hospital and the adjacent 'PALS' building, noting that the goal was to "give the community back its hospital" and touching briefly on the makeup of the Board of Directors and the Management Team. Mr. Tibbs gave an overview of Centra's three-year goals including investments made thus far to upgrade this hospital and the services it provides, medical access, mechanical and infrastructure upgrades, technology improvements, etc. He also briefly touched on their network of primary care practices, and noted that Centra is working to improve both medical staff development and provider recruitment.

Mr. Tibbs ended his presentation by stating that he needed as much feedback as possible from the Board, the Council and the community in order to create what the community wanted and needed from Centra and Bedford Memorial Hospital. There followed a question and answer session between Mr. Tibbs, the Board of Supervisors and the Town Council.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Wandrei thanked Mr. Tibbs for his presentation. The meeting ended at 8:21 p.m.