

Notes on Meeting at Eva Town Hall held November 4, 1982, 9:30 p.m., with the following in attendance:

From Eva Town Council: Mayor Roland Ryan
Councilmen Jerry Mobley
Terrell Livingston
Mitchell Hipps
Charles Nichols

From Hartselle Medical Center: Ronald Sparkman
Marsha Aldridge

From Eva Health Clinic: Dr. Larry Fite
Dr. W. J. Michalski

The Mayor stated that he had asked that this meeting be held in order for these concerned to talk about the situation of the Health Clinic; that the doctors are operating in a small space, and that it has been discussed briefly with them about the need for expanding the facility somewhat. He opened the floor for any comments in this regard.

Both Drs. Fite and Michalski gave their opinions on the satisfaction of the community response to the Clinic; that they are seeing up to 15 patients per day in the 3-hour time they are here. Both stated the need for a Lab facility to do blood work, etc., and an X-Ray machine to check for possible fractures, and for lung x-rays to diagnose pneumonia cases. Both stated that they were satisfied with the Clinic, its layout, and its appearance as far as seeing their patients are concerned, but stressed the need for a small extension to the present structure to provide the Lab and X-Ray services.

Dr. Fite said that before they could consider the extension of the time they are in Eva, they would need the facilities mentioned above.

Dr. Michalski mentioned that they are doing minor modifications now in order to include equipment so that they will be able to dispense drugs from the clinic within a week or so. Upon questioning by the Mayor, Dr. M. stated that they didn't intend this service of dispensing drugs to be a money-making proposition for them, but simply as a service to their patients so that it might save them a trip into town to purchase their drugs.

Mr. Sparkman said that it would be necessary to check with some X-Ray service people to see what would be involved in equipping a structure as far as the X-Ray is concerned. Marsha said that the walls would have to have lead shielding; that a certain amount of plumbing for an X-Ray dark room would be required, and possibly even a concrete slab for the X-Ray machine.

Mr. Mobley asked them to check into what would be required for this, and whether it could be accommodated in a mobile home facility. They will check into this and get back with the Eva Town Council as soon as possible.

The Mayor mentioned the fact that Chris Ryan has purchased the contents of a drug store that went out of business; that he is considering putting a drug store in where the old Merrill House is; property that he owns. He asked the Hartselle Medical Center and the physicians represented about whether they would go along with this as a private venture if Chris wanted to build a building that would accommodate the clinic with expansion they now need, and to accommodate the drug store. Mr. Sparkman nor the physicians were too eager to get involved in a situation where a lease agreement would be required, but wouldn't rule out the possibility. They would have to have some definite money figures to look at before this could be considered. The preference of the physicians would be an approximate 12x12' extension to the current facility, or whatever would be least expensive for the Town of Eva and for Hartselle Medical Center.

Marsha will let Town of Eva know as soon as possible whether these things mentioned above can legally be installed in a portable trailer; and what would be required as far as Town is concerned. The physicians will let her know a list of services they want accommodated in a Lab facility.