

**AGENDA ITEM # 15****March 23, 1999**

Discuss and take appropriate action on funding for Round Rock Health Clinic for one month, out of indigent health care costs.

Williamson County and Cities Health District Director Karen Wilson discussed the possibility of Williamson County allocating \$40,000.00 to \$60,000.00 from the indigent health care line item to meet operating costs of the Round Rock Health Clinic for the month of April, 1999. Round Rock Hospital will donate all equipment presently being used but will discontinue funding the rural health clinic effective March 31, 1999. Round Rock Hospital created the clinic in 1995 to provide care for pregnant women and children on Medicaid and some Medicare clients but decided in January to close the clinic. Williamson County does not have enough physicians willing to accept Medicaid. Two nurse practitioners actually provide the care with back up and consultation from two Round Rock physicians.

The two nurses are attempting to form a non-profit corporation. They have the support of a foundation called Providence Texas which will provide financial support until the clinic is self-sustaining.

Moved: Commissioner Boatright

Seconded: Judge Doerfler

Motion: To allocate funds not to exceed \$60,000.00 for the Round Rock Health Clinic for the month of April, 1999, with payment procedures to be worked out by Assistant County Auditor Julie Kiley and Williamson County and Cities Health District Director Karen Wilson.

Vote: Motion carried 4 - 0 < Clerk copy here >

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