

TOWN OF LOUISBURG, N.C.

MEDIA RELEASE

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RE: Franklin Regional Medical Center Relocation to Youngsville

We are pleased that Novant is acknowledging that it has an obligation to provide the citizens of Louisburg and the underserved citizens of Franklin County, Warren County, and Nash County with quality health care services. It is surprising and perplexing that Novant asserts that the Town of Louisburg negotiated with unreasonable terms; to the contrary, Novant and Louisburg had recently come to a reasonable agreement beneficial to each, and at the time acceptable to Novant. This negotiated and informally accepted agreement provided the required benefits sought by both parties and the Town of Louisburg never proposed any modifications to this agreement.

We hope that the Novant announcement is not another ploy to buy time and disenfranchise our citizens from adequate medical care, nor a cynical attempt to create an adversarial relationship between Louisburg and other communities. Novant's own legal counsel advised them that a move to the Youngsville area was not a good decision due to the proximity of the proposed site to the existing Wake Medical and Rex Hospital facilities. Louisburg Mayor, Karl Pernell, stated, "We are happy that our diligent work to assure hospital services remain in Louisburg appears to have been successful!" Pernell further stated, "I would like to personally thank Councilmember Boyd Sturges for his undying efforts as we have tackled this issue, as well as the work and commitment of the Louisburg Town Council."

Mayor Pernell, Councilmember Sturges, and Town Staff have made this relocation effort a top priority for many months. It is also necessary to recognize the efforts of the community and the citizens of Louisburg, Franklin County, Warren County, and Nash County who overwhelmingly supported the efforts of Louisburg to block the proposed move of Franklin Regional Medical Center.

