

RESOLUTION #2005-1

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RELOCATION OF THE HEART OF THE ROCKIES REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER TO THE TOWN OF PONCHA SPRINGS

WHEREAS, the Town of Poncha Springs and its citizens have offered a donation of 5 acres of land to the Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, an adjacent property owner has offered a donation of 5 acres of land to the Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center, with an option to purchase up to 35 additional acres; and

WHEREAS, city sewer and water are presently located on this 45 acre joint parcel; and

WHEREAS, this location is equipped with all other utilities, including 3-phase electrical power, natural gas and high speed internet; and

WHEREAS, this parcel lies within ¼ mile of an intersection of two major highways with easy access from many different directions, including Salida, Monarch, Buena Vista and the San Luis Valley; and

WHEREAS, this site is more central to the hospital district boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Medical Services building and vehicles are presently located in a new facility within one block of this property; and

WHEREAS, this site allows for commercial property development, which would enhance the services offered by the medical facility; and

WHEREAS, some patients are transported by fixed wing aircraft and the Chaffee County Airport is close to this site; and

WHEREAS, helicopter access is uncomplicated at this site; and

WHEREAS, there is little land preparation to be completed on this site; and

WHEREAS, there is additional land available for construction of additional facilities; and

WHEREAS, the commute to this new site is simple and short; and

WHEREAS, this site is within a 35 mile radius of the exact center of the State of Colorado and this site is accessible from anywhere in the State.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Poncha Springs and its Board of Trustees support the idea of the Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center relocating to the Town of Poncha Springs and hopes that it is given full consideration for the new location of the hospital.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, at a regular meeting of the Poncha Springs Board of Trustees this ____ day of _____, 2005.

Mark F. Thonhoff, Mayor

ATTEST:

Diana K. Heeney
Clerk/Treasurer