



Jefferson County & The City Of Louisville

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HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

June 28, 2016

The Hospital Authority voted last night to send Pioneer Health Services a 6 month notice to cancel their contract with Jefferson Hospital. Negotiations will be held during this time which may result in the contract being cancelled sooner and /or adjusted to be more efficient and effective for Jefferson Hospital. Steve Widener, CEO will continue during this transition period and we are encouraging him to continue as our CEO. However, we have an alternative contingency plan in place if this is not possible.

Also, the Hospital Authority has requested additional funding from the County Commission for next year's budget. This is needed to stabilize the hospital's finances. Please call your County Commissioner for this important vote that they will have tomorrow (Wednesday, June 29, 2016).

As you know, nearly all rural hospitals are operating at or near deficit levels. Federal and state payments for rural patient's care have been reduced and appear to be continuing in that direction next year too. Jefferson Hospital is undertaking new initiatives to attract additional revenue to this hospital to offset these declining payments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Raymond E. Davis".

Raymond E. Davis,
Hospital Authority Chairman