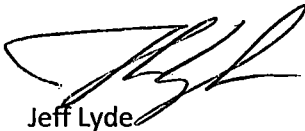


It has been my honor to serve these past six or so years on this Board. I was asked by Commissioner Gee to serve on this Board and gladly accepted this position with the best of intentions to serve the citizens of Clay County. I was likewise asked, several times and even after being elected Sheriff, by the Court, Judge and Hospital Administration to remain on the board. Looking back on the first four years, and not knowing then what I have since learned, I feel I could have done a better job for the citizens of Clay County by asking more questions, educating myself on hospital functions, and not allowing a stagnant and idle Board to rubber stamp the then CEO's actions. Recently, we have tried to remedy that failure and bring life to a dying hospital. Every direction we tried to lead the Hospital in was done with the best of intentions to resuscitate this hospital and provide a future of quality medical care for Clay County for years to come.

I want to go on record that I believe the Board took the actions that they felt would best benefit the hospital and the community as a whole and made these decisions for no other reason. However, I feel that my staying on the Board only distracts the entire community from the real issues involved and although I think that the real issues at the hospital will be tabled for personal reasons and not for the good of the community, there is nothing I can do to stop it and I can no longer be a part of it. It is my fervent hope that everyone can move forward in the same direction and put the hospital back on track to becoming something Clay County can be proud of again.

The recent misinformation campaigns, the actions of a few of the recently re-appointed Board members, this Court, the non-stop petty attacks at anyone that doesn't "fall in line" which, in my case, have now become personal and have even been aimed at my wife and our marriage, have also created turmoil within our hospital and community. Over the past two years, your deputies have been given modern equipment and training, the authority to be proactive rather than reactive, and have stepped up enforcement actions: No one, that I know of, can say that they do not see more deputies out in their areas than they ever have before, and I do not want to let anything interfere with providing the best law enforcement to the citizens of Clay County.

With the above in mind, please accept this as my resignation as a member of the Board of Managers and Chairman of the Board of managers of Clay County Memorial Hospital.



Jeff Lyde