

Gayle Mapes

From: Tommy Stewart <tstewart@asbt.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 11:16 AM
To: Gayle Mapes
Subject: RE: Half Mile of History for W. E. Stewart

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

You are kind, I think that we would like it to be somewhere around the corner of S. Broadway and E. Erwin.....near the Liberty Theater if possible.....maybe between the theater and the Broadway corner area.

You guys are really nice to do this project. I think it is wonderful that the City is supporting this historical preservation project in such a great way. Thanks again, it's not that important, but if it works out great, if not, it's not a big deal.

From: Gayle Mapes [mailto:gmapes@tylertexas.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2011 5:16 PM
To: Tommy Stewart
Subject: RE: Half Mile of History for W. E. Stewart

Tom,
If your family has a preference of location, please let us know and we will try to accommodate your request.

Thank you,

Gayle Mapes

Planning Technician

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From: Tommy Stewart [mailto:tstewart@asbt.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2011 1:51 PM
To: Gayle Mapes
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Not a problem.....that is good, thanks for your revision.

I did have a question. Do we as a family have any input as to where on the square the marker is placed?

From: Gayle Mapes [mailto:gmapes@tylertexas.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2011 1:47 PM
To: Kelli Horn; Tommy Stewart
Cc: Heather Nick
Subject: RE: Half Mile of History for W. E. Stewart

In an effort to reduce the number of words/characters for the Half Mile of History stone, I have revised the stone language you submitted. Please review the following and let me know at your earliest convenience if this language and the following details are acceptable.

"W.E. Stewart

1878 - 1956

A banker, financier, aviator and oilman. Founded Weslaco, Texas and Stewart Blood Bank and was instrumental in making Tyler a medical hub of East Texas."

Thank you for your time,

Gayle Mapes

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From: Kelli Horn [mailto:khorn@asbtx.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2011 8:26 AM
To: Gayle Mapes
Cc: Heather Nick
Subject: FW: Half Mile of History for W. E. Stewart
Importance: High

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We need it no later than Monday, March 14th in order for it to be ready for the April 28th Ceremony.

Please forward the language to Gayle Mapes, gmapes@tylertexas.com and copy me.

Thanks,
Heather

Heather Nick

Principal Planner

Historic Preservation Officer

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From: Tommy Stewart [mailto:tstewart@asbt.com]

Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 8:37 AM

To: Heather Nick

Subject: RE: Half Mile of History for W. E. Stewart

Thanks so much....yes, I will get started on it. You are very kind and very efficient, thanks for your good work.

From: Heather Nick [mailto:hnick@tylertexas.com]

Sent: Monday, February 28, 2011 8:35 AM

To: Tommy Stewart

Subject: Half Mile of History for W. E. Stewart

Tom,

Good morning!

The ceremony will be held April 28th at the Main Street Gallery downtown.

We need to get started on the language for the stone.

Could you email your proposed language?

It should be 25 words or less.

Please go to the following website to see an example of language used on the other stones:

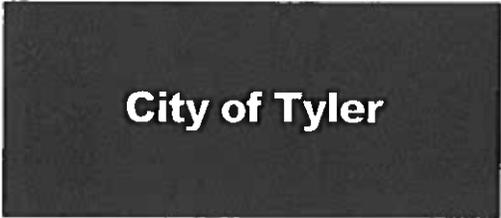
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Please email me if you have any questions.

Congratulations on the Half Mile of History approval.

Thanks,
Heather

Planning and Zoning
423 W. Ferguson
P.O. Box 2039
Tyler, Texas 75710
(903) 531-1175 (phone)
(903) 531-1170 (fax)
www.tylerpz.org



Fax

To: James From: Gayle
Fax: 817 624 8428 Pages: 2 incl. cover
Phone: Date: 3-30-11
Re: cc:

9:55am

Urgent For Review Please Comment Please Reply Please Recycle

● Comments:

We have shortened the wording for the W.E. Stewart stone as shown. Please let me know if this will fit better.

Thanks!

3/30/2011

Fort Worth Monument Company
5811 Jacksboro Hwy
Fort Worth, TX 76114
Main Number: (817) 625-2721
Fax Number: (817) 624-8428

James,

Please remit proofs to 903-531-1170.
We are expecting to have our ceremony on April 28th.
Please let me know when these will be ready for shipment.

Note: Shipping instructions.
Please call the day before delivery.
Deliver to Street Department, 3305 Frankston Highway, Tyler, Texas
Phone: (903) 531-1393 or (My direct line) 903-531-1175
Deliver between 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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1878—1956

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TO:

CITY OF TYLER HISTORICAL PRESERVATION BOARD

ATTENTION:

"HALF MILE OF HISTORY"

PO BOX 2039

TYLER, TEXAS 75710

NOMINATION OF:

W. E. STEWART

BY:

TOM W. STEWART

2345 MIRABEAU DRIVE

TYLER, TEXAS 75703

(903) 561-2536 OR (903) 920-6250

DECEMBER 28, 2010

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TOM W. STEWART

2345 MIRABEAU DRIVE

TYLER, TEXAS 75703

DECEMBER 28, 2010

CITY OF TYLER HISTORICAL PRESERVATION BOARD

ATT: "HALF MILE OF HISTORY" COMMITTEE

TYLER, TEXAS

DEAR PRESERVATION BOARD MEMBERS:

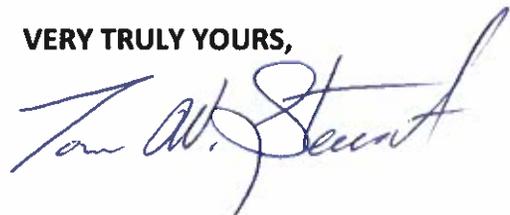
I HEREBY SUBMIT THE NAME OF W. E. STEWART FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION OF A "HALF MILE OF HISTORY" PLAQUE DESIGNATION BASED ON THE ATTACHED DOCUMENTATION.

ITEMS INCLUDED:

- **CITY OF TYLER NOMINATION FORM**
- **TWO (2) PAGE WRITTEN NARRATIVE**
- **LETTER FROM ELMER ELLIS, CEO, EAST TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER HOSPITAL**
- **LETTER FROM LINDSEY BRADLEY, CEO, TRINITY MOTHER FRANCES HOSPITAL**
- **PHOTO COPY FROM ETMC'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION BOOKLET**
- **PHOTO COPIES OF VARIOUS NEWS PAPER ARTICLES CONCERNING HOSPITAL-BLOOD BANK CREATION, ORGANIZATION, AND OPENINGS**
- **PHOTO COPIES OF MEDICAL CENTER HOSPITAL BOARD "MINUTES" OF EARLY MEETINGS**
- **WEB PAGE PHOTO COPY FOR CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS**
- **PHOTO COPY OF NEWS PAPER OBITUARY FOR W. E. STEWART**
- **PHOTO COPY OF A RECENT NEWS PAPER ARTICLE CONCERNING CONTINUED GROWTH OF TYLER-AREA HOSPITALS GROWTH AND ECONOMIC IMPACT TO AREA**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION, IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom W. Stewart". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "S" at the end.

HMH 02-11-003



**NOMINATION FORM
HALF MILE OF HISTORY**

Section A: Nomination Information

Name of Nominated person, place or event: W. E. Stewart

The nominee is being honored for outstanding contributions in the area(s) of (please check all that apply):

<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment/Media	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Philanthropy
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Government/Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion
<input type="checkbox"/> Arts and Culture	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aviation	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention/Innovation	<input type="checkbox"/> Sports
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Business/Corporate Leadership	<input type="checkbox"/> Law	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Service	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oil/Gas	

Section B: Nominator's Information

Name of person making nomination: Tom W. Stewart

Address: 2345 Mirabeau Drive

City: Tyler State: Texas Zip: 75703

Daytime telephone: (903) 561-2536 / (903) 920-6250 Email: tomstewart@suddenlink.net

Relationship to nominated individual: nephew

Nominated Individual's year of death: 1956 Birth: 1877

Section C: Narrative

The narrative section of the application is the most important. It is the primary source of information judges use to make their selection of new inductees. Two (2) typed pages of 12-point type is the maximum acceptable length of the narrative. Any additional material will be referred to only for verification of accuracy of the nomination. No submitted materials will be returned.

The narrative section must contain an explanation of the nominee's enduring contribution that make this person/place/event worthy of the honor. Please describe the impact the nominee has had on the community, county, region, nation and/or world. For Individuals, please include any honors earned by the nominee as well as a list of organizations in which the nominee has been involved. Also, please indicate their educational background as well as the length of time the individual has lived in Smith County. Inclusion of photos is preferred but optional. Do not send original photos. All submitted materials will become property of the City of Tyler and its Historical Preservation Board.

Please submit nominations to:
City of Tyler Historical Preservation Board
Attention: Half Mile of History
P.O. Box 2039
Tyler, Texas 75710

The name of *W. E. Stewart* is hereby submitted for consideration as a recipient of the "Half Mile of History" plaque for his contributions to Tyler-Smith County's quality of life, prosperity, and current growth under the following areas: aviation, business, oil-gas, philanthropy, but largely under the *medical category* based on his significant contributions in the early formation of East Texas Hospital Foundation (Medical Center Hospital) and Stewart Blood Bank all of which have meaningfully propelled Tyler in today becoming the predominate "medical center" of East Texas.

W. E. Stewart was born in Morris County, Texas on July 26, 1877, and moved to Tyler in 1935 where he resided until his death in 1956. Prior to moving to Tyler he had already experienced a most glamorously—flamboyant and successful life. As a very young man he moved to New York City working on Wall Street. He organized his first bank at the age of 21. He subsequently returned to Texas, organized a total of 10 banks in Texas and Louisiana, including the First National Bank of Lindale in 1907. He purchased and developed approximately 30,000 acres of land in the lower Rio Grande Valley, helped to initiate the citrus-vegetable growing industry of that region and partnered the construction of four (4) irrigation canal systems, still in use today, for the region's thriving produce industry. He was founder of the city of Weslaco---which is an acronym of his real estate development company, W. E. Stewart Land Company. Today, Weslaco, a Texas-Mexico border city, has a population approaching 30,000 residents.

In 1931, soon after the discovery of the East Texas Oil Field, he started purchasing oil properties in Rusk and Gregg Counties, creating Stewart Oil Company, a family-owned company which operated in Tyler until the early 1960's. At the onset of World War II he opened Stewart Airport, located in Tyler on the Old Kilgore Highway. (KLTV operated in one of the old hangers of the airport for many years). It was here that he owned and operated a flight school, training young men in getting a pilot's license before joining the armed services. These WTS (War Training Schools) were common throughout the U.S. prior to the war and were generally located near colleges where future Air Cadets were given ground training while completing their education. Having a pilot's license made it possible for a young soldier to enter the service at a higher military rank. After the war Stewart embarked on a plan to manufacture light, affordable, private airplanes; bought out Welch Aircraft Company and built several experimental models at the Tyler facility. The initial plane was known as the "Stewart Blue Bird", a later also locally built model was the "Tyler Bullet" which attracted several local investors.

Beginning in the late 1940's and early 1950's, Mr. Stewart along with a group of other Tyler community leaders all bonded together with a common and ambitious vision of establishing Tyler as the regional medical center. This illustrious dream first begun with the

formation of the East Texas Hospital Foundation, the founding entity of Medical Center Hospital. Mr. Stewart served as the first hospital president and was a charter member of the Board of Governors of the hospital. In conjunction with the hospital opening, was the creation and opening of the W. E. and Lelia Stewart Blood Bank located on property between the newly created Medical Center Hospital and the already existing Mother Frances Hospital. The blood bank building, equipment and furnishings were monetary donations of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart in commemoration of their 50th wedding anniversary. Members of the Tyler Junior League initially staffed the blood bank and drove the blood mobile vehicles throughout East Texas for blood collection drives. The blood bank, now 60 years old, has served and complimented the hospitals of Tyler and East Texas continuously until merging in 2007 with Carter Blood Center of Dallas. The medical industry is now the largest single employer sector of the Tyler-Smith County economy. East Texas Medical Center alone currently has 15 affiliate hospitals and clinics employing approximately 6,000 people system wide. According to data obtained from the Tyler Chamber of Commerce and the "2009 Tyler Regional Retail Trade Area Report", 58,852 people are now employed in health care and social assistance related jobs.

In 2001, at a 50 year celebration ceremony, Elmer Ellis, President- CEO of ETMC said.... "Were Mr. Stewart alive today, he would most certainly be proud of what ETMC boards of directors have accomplished over the years not only in Tyler but in ETMC communities throughout East Texas. Fortunately for us, the visionary founders of ETMC possessed the ability to dream and the dedication to turn dreams into realities. Their goal of enhancing health services for the region through the establishment of Tyler as a hub for medical care— was accomplished in a community spirit that is still emulated today."

Lindsey Bradley, President of Trinity Mother Frances Hospital said...."that the services provided over many decades by Stewart Blood Bank have help Trinity Mother Frances Hospitals and Clinics offer life saving health care to our patients and to continue to attract to this region medical professionals and support staff that offer vital health care services to more than 1.2 million people in the region."

W.E. Stewart was active in numerous civic, church, fraternal, and philanthropic organizations including the St. John's Masonic Lodge, Hella Shrine of Dallas, Tyler Rotary Club, Marvin Methodist Church and was recipient of the T.B. Butler Award in 1951 as Tyler's outstanding citizen.

Based on the above data and the accompanying documentation, the name of *W. E. Stewart* is hereby respectfully submitted to the City of Tyler Historic Preservation Board for consideration of a "Half Mile of History" commemorative plaque.



**East Texas Medical Center
Regional Healthcare System**

May 27, 2009

Mr. Tom W. Stewart
5825 Old Bullard Rd., Suite 100
Tyler, TX 75703

Dear Mr. Stewart:

I am pleased to provide this letter in recognition of the late W. E. Stewart, one of Tyler's notable citizens who truly left a mark on this community.

At a meeting on June 2, 1951, Mr. Stewart, as President of the East Texas Hospital Foundation, explained the responsibilities and authority of the Board of Governors for the upcoming Medical Center Hospital (now known as East Texas Medical Center Tyler). He expressed his profound gratitude for each of the members and noted that, in his judgment, this group could accomplish whatever it set out to achieve. Together, they soon celebrated the opening of the new hospital in September 1951.

Fortunately for us, the visionary leaders – such as Mr. Stewart – behind the East Texas Medical Center Regional Healthcare System possessed the ability to dream, and the dedication to turn dreams into realities. Their goal of enhancing health services for the region by establishing Tyler as a hub for medical care was accomplished in a spirit of community that is still present.

Were Mr. Stewart alive today, he most certainly would be proud of what ETMC has accomplished over close to 60 years of service. We appreciate his lasting legacy that has meant so much to the medical community, the City of Tyler and its residents.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elmer G. Ellis".

Elmer G. Ellis, FACHE
President/CEO

Administration

P.O. Box 6400 • Tyler, Texas 75711 • PH: (903) 597-0351 • FAX: (903) 535-6334



**East Texas Medical Center
Regional Healthcare System**

April 23, 2009

Mr. Tom W. Stewart
2345 Mirabeau Dr.
Tyler, TX 75703

Dear Mr. Stewart:

Thank you for your interest in the initiation of Medical Center Hospital – now East Texas Medical Center Tyler – especially in regards to your uncle, Mr. W. E. Stewart. I have looked through multiple archive documents and made copies of several newspaper articles as well as the first board minutes of the soon-to-open hospital. In addition, I have enclosed a magazine produced in 2001 as ETMC celebrated its 50th anniversary.

Mr. Stewart and other community leaders in the 1940s-1950s truly were visionary as they dreamed of a new medical center that could serve the East Texas region. We at the ETMC Regional Healthcare System are proud of this legacy and those individuals who realized their dream. I hope that the documents I have enclosed will be of help as you seek to honor Mr. W. E. Stewart's important role in Tyler's history.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marty Wiggins".

Marty Wiggins
Corporate Director of Development

/enclosures



TRINITY MOTHER FRANCES

HOSPITALS AND CLINICS

May 11, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to offer my support of the nomination of W. E. Stewart for inclusion in the city's "Half Mile of History" project with a historical sidewalk plate on the Courthouse Square.

W. E. Stewart was an early visionary whose efforts on behalf of the health and wellbeing of east Texans resulted in the establishment of the W. E and Lela I. Stewart Regional Blood Bank in Tyler. In addition, Mr. Stewart's efforts, financial support and vision for Tyler's future aided in the development of this area into the region's foremost medical community. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart donated the building and equipment needed to establish the Stewart Blood Bank in 1951, a service that was "dedicated to all mankind in need of blood and life." In 2007, the Stewart Regional Blood Center merged with another blood center to continue this legacy of providing lifesaving blood products to meet the needs of patients throughout east Texas.

The services provided over many decades by the Stewart Blood Bank have helped Trinity Mother Frances Hospitals and Clinics offer lifesaving health care to our patients and to continue to attract to this region medical professionals and support staff that offer vital health care services to more than 1.2 million people in the region.

I am pleased, on behalf of Trinity Mother Frances Hospitals and Clinics, to urge you to honor one of the medical pioneers of our community.

Sincerely,

J. Lindsey Bradley, Jr. FACHE
President
Trinity Mother Frances Hospitals and Clinics



ETMC Leadership

Stewards of the ETMC vision

From the very first board meeting of Medical Center Hospital (now East Texas Medical Center Tyler), ETMC board members have defined their role as one of endless possibilities.

At that meeting on June 2, 1951, Mr. W. E. Stewart, President of the East Texas Hospital Foundation, explained the responsibilities and authority of the Board of Governors, expressed his profound gratitude for each of the members and noted that, in his judgment, this group could accomplish whatever it set out to achieve. The group then elected Mr. Will Mann Richardson as the first Chairman of the Governing Board of the Tyler hospital and Mrs. Joe Zeppa as Vice Chairman.

Were Mr. Stewart alive today, he would most certainly be proud of what ETMC boards of directors have accomplished over the past 50 years, not only in Tyler but in ETMC communities throughout East Texas.

"Fortunately for us, the visionary founders of the East Texas Medical Center Regional Healthcare System possessed the ability to dream and the dedication to turn dreams into realities," said Elmer G. Ellis, President/CEO of the East Texas Medical Center Regional Healthcare System. "Their goal – of enhancing health services for the region through the establishment of Tyler as a hub for medical care – was accomplished in a spirit of community that is still emulated today."

Mr. Wade Ridley, current Chairman of the Board for the ETMC Foundation and a member of the ETMC Regional Healthcare System board agreed. "We are blessed with very dedicated board members, many of whom have maintained a commitment to ETMC for years," he said. "In their stewardship role, they are interested in achieving the best medical care for our community at the lowest cost."

"When you think of ETMC, you envision full and complete health resources," noted A. W. Riter, Jr., a long-time ETMC board member and current member of the System and Foundation boards. "By seeing that effective leadership is in place and by continually reviewing the results of ETMC's outreach, the board of directors ensures that the health system is accomplishing its mission and the goals it sets out to achieve."

At the Helm

Over the past 50 years, three men have served at the forefront of ETMC's Administration.



Lawrence R. Payne
Years of service to ETMC:
1951-1954



George B. Pearson
Years of service to ETMC:
1954-1985



Elmer G. Ellis, FACHE
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1985 - Present

2001 Board of Directors East Texas Medical Center Regional Healthcare System

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Wade C. Ridley
A. W. Riter, Jr.
James C. Wynne, Jr.

County Financing Vote Looms

Another countywide election for the reallocation of county funds to set up revenues in the permanent improvement fund to finance the \$1,500,000 county hospital loomed as a possibility Friday.

Whether the election will be necessary depends upon legal research now under way. Smith county commissioners court will consider the question Monday but whether the decision will be reached is indefinite.

The dilemma arose when attorneys for some of the bond houses who might wish to buy the bonds questioned the manner in which the real location election was held last August. The election, however, has not been questioned

by other bond attorneys. Neither have certain other lay lawyers, it was learned.

The attorneys for the bond houses were concerned with whether the attorney general of Texas would validate the bonds on the doubtful status of the reallocation election.

Smith county last year did not levy a tax for the permanent improvement fund which legally would finance the hospital. The levy was not made because the permanent improvement fund was free of debt and any revenue collected from such levy would be a useless surplus.

R. P. Power, county judge, said Friday that the hospital idea was not known at the time the levy

for the various county funds was made, and consequently no plans were made for anything not anticipated. He expressed the belief the funds may be switched in such a manner as to provide revenues for the permanent improvement fund so long as the levy stays within the 80 cent constitutional limit.

Should this be possible, he said, the switch may be made this year when the tax levy is set since it may not be needed before next year. The voters in the January 31 hospital bond election decided two questions. To issue \$1,000,000 in hospital bonds to be supplemented with a federal grant of \$500,000 and to levy a tax sufficient to provide an interest and

sinking fund to retire the bonds.

Since the reallocation election was held, legal questions have arisen as to whether it was necessary to have fixed limits in the permanent improvement and the jury fund and it may be necessary, Judge Power said, to hold another reallocation election to clarify the question.

The issues put up to the voters which they endorsed 943 to 424 August 27, last year, were to levy 35 cents a \$100 valuation for the general fund and 40 cents for the road and bridge fund to finance the farm to market road building fund with state participation. The spaces for the permanent improvements and jury fund levy were crossed out.

R. W. Fair Heads Hospital Board

As the first step in a permanent organization to carry out Smith County's hospital program, made possible by a recent county election, members of the county wide hospital committee met here Friday afternoon and elected a board of directors.

Following their election R. W. Fair was made president and Sam Bright secretary of the board. A meeting of the group is expected at an early date to map plans for future work.

A partial list of the board of directors follows; R. W. Fair, Gallo-way Calhoun, Henry Bell, John Stephens, Abe Pounds, H. E. Lasater, W. E. Stewart, Dr. C. C. McDonald, Dr. Sidney Bradford, L. Pierce, Lindale; Torrest Sartain, Arp; Max Jarvis, Troup; H. D. Shuford, Sam Bright, T. B. Ramey, Mrs. Alex ~~Wolter~~ Wollert, Claude Holley, Calvin Clyde Jr., Dr. C. Willingham, and Dr. Jim Vaughn and Jamie T. Smith.

December 31, 1948

Smith County Hospital Plans Will Be Drawn By March 1

Plans for the new Smith County Hospital are now half complete and should be finished and in the hands of the contractor by March 1, Shirley Simons, architect, told members of the East Texas Hospital Association yesterday.

Mr. Simons told the group that the government has already approved the preliminary plans and that if the contract is let on

the final plans by June 1 there will be no danger of losing federal financial aid on the project.

Bids on the new hospital could be let within six weeks after final plans are finished, he said.

Because of rising costs the government has increased its allowance from \$10,000 per bed to \$12,500 per bed. However, by exercising caution and economy, Simons said that he believed this increased cost could be offset. He pointed out that by spring there would be more competition between contractors and that a possible saving might result.

The directors of the association, meeting in the Blackstone Hotel, also discussed the omission of the curb and gutter paving allowance from the 1949 city budget, plans to raise funds to pay off a \$40,000 obligation, and heard a report by Dr. Porter M. Bailes on the Baptists' proposals to operate the hospital when completed.

The curb and gutter item, which was to have been paid for by either the city or the county, would have cleared the way for the state to pave the street fronting the hospital. Funds for this work were not included in the 1949 budget for the City of Tyler.

Dr. Louie Bristo of New Orleans, who has successfully administered several hospitals for the Baptists, has agreed to assume direction of the Smith County hospital if it is leased to the Baptists, Dr. Bailes told the directors. He added that the proposal will be submitted to the Baptists at their next general convention.

The directors tentatively agreed to launch a financial drive after April 1 to raise funds to retire at least half of the \$40,000 loan due the Citizens National Bank.

The directors also agreed that the site for the hospital be donated to the county with no restriction other than the county agrees to build the present contemplated hospital on the land. The original proposal, which was rejected by

the county, contained a clause that the land be used for hospital purposes only and that if at any time in the future it is used for other purposes, it would revert to the association.

Present at the directors meeting were Dr. C. C. McDonald, W. E. Stewart, Dr. Jim Vaughn, Dr. S. W. Bradford, V. F. Fitzhugh, Calvin Clyde Jr., J. E. Richardson, Henry Bell, R. W. Fair, Dr. Bailes, Tom Ramey, Felix Betts, Sam R. Hill, L. W. Pierce, Mrs. Alex Woldert, Jamie T. Smith, Sam Bright and Simons.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS, MEDICAL CENTER HOSPITAL,
JUNE 2, 1951, TYLER, TEXAS.

The Board of Governors of Medical Center Hospital met in a luncheon meeting on June 2, 1951, at the Blackstone Hotel, Tyler, Texas.

Those present were: Mr. J. A. Bracken
Mr. R. W. Fair
Mr. A. S. Genecov
Mr. W. A. Pounds
Mr. Thomas B. Ramey
Mr. Will Mann Richardson
Mr. John M. Stephens
Mrs. Joe Zeppa

Together with: Mr. W. E. Stewart, President, East Texas Hospital
Foundation
Mr. Lawrence Payne, Administrator

Following the luncheon, Mr. Stewart explained the responsibilities and authority of the Board of Governors and expressed his profound gratitude for each of the members and explained that in his judgement this group could accomplish whatever it set itself to accomplish.

He then entertained a motion for a Chairman of the Governing Board. Upon motion made (Fair) and duly seconded, Mr. Will Mann Richardson was named Chairman of the Governing Board.

Mr. Stewart then turned the chair over to Mr. Richardson and the new Chairman called for nominations for Vice Chairman. Upon motion made (Stephens) and duly seconded, Mrs. Joe Zeppa was named Vice Chairman unanimously.

The Chairman called for nomination for secretary and upon motion made (Ramey) and duly seconded, Lawrence Payne was named secretary with the understanding that the minutes of the meetings can be taken by his secretary during the meetings.

Upon motion made (Fair) and duly seconded, Mr. A. S. Genecov was named treasurer.

This being an organizational meeting for the Board of Governors of Medical Center Hospital, it was decided there would be no other officers named at this time and until such time as it was deemed wise to add any other officer.

The administrator discussed briefly the need for By-Laws, Rules and Regulations; the need for the organization of the medical staff; the necessity for preparation of a proposed budget; the personnel and hospital staff organization as well as the problems concerning the obtaining of some of the equipment which has been ordered. It was also suggested that the Chairman of the Board of Governors serve as chairman of the Medical or Inter-Relations Committee which works with the doctors; the Vice Chairman serve as chairman of the House Committee which has to do with personnel and service to the Hospital and the treasurer serve as Chairman of the Finance Committee. This suggestion was accepted by the group and upon motion made (Stephens) and duly seconded, the Chairman was authorized to name each member of the Governing Board to one of the standing committees including By-Laws, Rules and Regulations.

The following committees were named:

Inter-Relations: Will Mann Richardson, Chairman
R. W. Fair

House: Mrs. Joe Zeppa, Chairman
J. A. Bracken

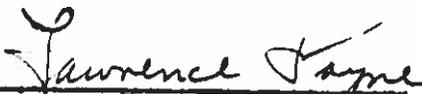
By-Laws, Rules and Regulations:

Thomas B. Ramey, Chairman
W. A. Pounds

Finance: A. S. Genecov, Chairman
John M. Stephens
Claude Holley

Upon motion made (Pounds) and duly seconded (Fair), it was voted to approve the selection by the administrator of Miss Nadean Warren, now supervisor of Baylor Hospital, to become the Director of Nursing Service of the hospital effective June 6, 1951; Mr. Ernest Duke, who has already been named as Maintenance Engineer, has been on the job since May 7; Mr. Fred Hester, who is first assistant pharmacist at Baylor Hospital, to move here when we are in need of him to become Chief Pharmacist; Mr. Emmett Johnson, as administrative resident, who will complete his Master's degree in Hospital Administration following the serving of one year's residency here with us. He will begin June 5, 1951.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:50 P.M.


Lawrence Payne, Secretary



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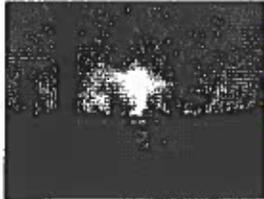


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About Weslaco:

Weslaco is a city located in Hidalgo County, Texas. As of the 2000 census, the city had a total population of 26,935. Weslaco derives its name from the W.E. Stewart Land Company. *(More Info and Source)*

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7: Tyler-Area Hospitals Growing Fast

By COSHANDRA DILLARD
Staff Writer

Throughout 2010, all three major hospitals in Tyler underwent million-dollar expansions and significant milestones. From groundbreaking to partnerships, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler, East Texas Medical Center Regional Health System and Trinity Mother Frances Hospitals and Clinics have expanded their services into rural areas and contributed greatly to the East Texas economy.



It also was a good year for financial support, as private donors pumped millions into these institutions.

The medical industry accounts for about 20,000 direct jobs and another 8,000 indirect jobs in the Tyler area, representing about 30 percent of the job market, according to a 2010

Tyler medical impact study conducted by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

In addition, from 2002 to 2009, employment in the local medical sector increased by 30 percent, Texas Comptroller's Office reports indicate.

Officials also learned this year that the medical sector pumped about \$990 million into Smith County in 2009 and it topped \$1 billion as an indirect result of the health care industry.

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