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Hospital CON extension allegedly sought

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CHIEFLAND – Chiefland City Commission members on Monday night (June 27) heard the latest update on a hospital that has been proposed by at least a couple of different developers over the past decade-plus.

Just two weeks earlier, though, they heard from the owner of an existing hospital in Levy County about the potential for Chiefland to actually obtain a new urgent care center that might evolve into a hospital.

On Tuesday afternoon (June 28), Frank Schupp said he sent the June 27 email to Chiefland City Manager Mary Ellzey because he had been asked for an update by the City Commission.

According to Schupp's email on Monday afternoon, sent about four hours before the start of the City Commission meeting, the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration denied a request for an extension of the developer's Certificate Of Need (CON).

That denial, Schupp said, does not mean the CON is terminated.

Also on Tuesday afternoon (June 28), Schupp told *HardisonInk.com* that he is not a spokesman for the developers of the hospital – Nueterra and CBC Real Estate Development. He was just giving an update that had been requested.

Schupp told the City Commission that he foresees the AHCA making a decision about whether to grant the request for reconsideration of its rejection of the CON extension within the next 30 days.

To see the previously published story about an urgent care center potentially being built in Chiefland soon, please go to

<https://hardisoninkarchive.files.wordpress.com/2016/06/6-16-16-hardisonink-com-24-hour-emergency-room-and-more.pdf>.