



# WASHINGTON COUNTY

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## **Washington County Public Service Announcement For Immediate Release**

Washington County's attorneys at Mauldin & Jenkins filed a motion to appoint former bankruptcy judge Thomas W. Waldrep, Jr. <http://www.waldrepllp.com/tom-waldrep> as the Interim Trustee earlier this week after he visited WCH with the County Manager to investigate its current status and prospects.

Mr. Waldrep is experienced with medical related commercial bankruptcy proceedings and assisted with the forced bankruptcy and eventual sale of the Morehead Memorial Hospital in Eden, NC to the UNC Healthcare system <https://www.bizjournals.com/triad/news/2017/11/13/morehead-memorial-hospital-to-be-sold-to-unc.html>.

The County Manager and outside legal counsel attended a hearing at the Bankruptcy Court in Raleigh earlier this morning where Mr. Waldrep's appointment was approved by the Bankruptcy Judge.

His appointment will enable the county and other creditors to begin to work with the Trustee to move more quickly to identify and preserve the hospital's assets and also potentially enable the continuation of certain operations which may still be viable to provide during the pending bankruptcy process such as the continuation of primary practice health care services, radiology and lab services.

Washington County is also continuing to pursue methods to assist the WCH employees whose payroll obligations have still not been met at this point, as well as leads with interested entities that may be able to assist in operating the facility now or in the future.

We will continue to release additional information as it becomes available and is verified and to try to remain as transparent as possible for the benefit of our citizens as we deal with this developing unprecedented situation.

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