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It is no secret Martin General Hospital has experienced financial challenges related to declining population and utilization trends that were outlined in the county's Feasibility Study. According to the study, nearly 80% of Martin County residents are seeking care from health care providers other than Martin General. And as has been reported many times, utilization has declined by nearly 42%, and as the county's population is shrinking (about 12% since 2010), those factors have contributed to financial losses reaching \$30 million since 2016. In 2022 alone, the hospital lost \$13 million.

Despite these stark realities, the hospital's leadership team has worked diligently with Martin County to find a potential buyer, reaching out to eight organizations, including several local and regional health systems. It was clear during discussions with other organizations they too saw significant challenges in continuing to operate the hospital as a traditional, acute care facility. None were willing to purchase or assume operation of the hospital.

The goal has long been to determine the right path to preserve local access to health care for the community. We provided Martin County Commission with a proposal to revert the hospital back to Martin County, incorporated their requested clarifications and requested changes, and gave them an extension of time to consider our proposal at a called meeting on August 1. The County chose not to respond to our proposal and the hospital is now forced to suspend operations today and to file for bankruptcy.

These difficult decisions do not do justice to the hard work and dedication of the Martin General Hospital employees, nurses, physicians, volunteers, and board members. Their legacy of commitment to the community will endure in the countless lives they have touched over the years.

The following clinics remain open to care for patients: Roanoke Clinics, Martin Family Medicine, Roanoke Orthopedics, Roanoke Specialty Services, Williamson Heart & Vascular, and Roanoke Surgical.

The following clinics remain open and will move this afternoon to offices at 232 Green Street: Williamson Heart & Vascular, Roanoke Specialty Services, and Roanoke Surgical.

For assistance in obtaining medical records, please call 833-383-1958 and leave a message with your contact information and request.