

ATTORNEY'S REPORT --
AUGUST 5, 2025 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

- 1) The District received a request, at the suggestion of Commissioner Kaufman, from Carolyn Thomson, an ACA certified Health Insurance Navigator serving Monroe County, apprising that the Navigation Program has been cut by 90% and she will lose her position as of August 25th, and Monroe County residents will lose the services of an Access to Care Advocate, who provides free assistance including health education and health literacy, assistance locating providers, insurance claims and enrolling in health plans. She was inquiring about to seek a funding request from the District. I apprised her that in 2004 the Rural Health Network approached the District for funding for insurance purposes and the then Board asked that I obtain an Attorney General Opinion if such request was within the ambit of the Enabling Act, and the Attorney General opined that the Enabling Act does not authorize the expenditure of public funds for such purpose, and that the provision of health insurance is distinct from the provision of health care services.
- 2) The only other matters that required my attention since the last quarterly meeting dealt with the forthcoming Hospital Lease renewal, of which you are aware due to the monthly meetings addressing same. I will be prepared to present and supplement the report to be provided by Akerman, LLP on the current status.
- 3) There were no other legal matters that required my attention or needed to be addressed since the last meeting.