

Friend City Council passes new ordinance
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At a sparsely attended special meeting held at 12 noon, Wednesday, Dec. 26, Friend's City Council, with all members present, unanimously approved Ordinance 07-703. As explained at the meeting and in the agenda, it was "...for Consideration of Tax Anticipation Note to Provide Financing for Certain Operating Expenses of Warren Memorial Hospital."

This ordinance allows for a Tax Anticipation Note of \$300,000, which will be provided by the First National Bank of Friend. The bulk of this note, approximately \$215,000, will be used to pay off the current note held by the First National Bank of Friend. Additionally, waiving of three (3) readings of the new ordinance was also unanimously approved.

In other related news, the petition drive to place the formation of a new hospital district for Warren Memorial Hospital (WMH) on an upcoming election ballot continues. If approved by the County Commissioners, and ultimately the voters within the proposed district, the additional tax would not effect any additional tax revenue that might be sought by the Friend Public Schools and its Board.