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**Voters To Get
\$18 Million
Hospital Issue**
**County Proposal
Has \$7.5 Million
For Teaching Unit**

An \$18 million hospital bond issue that includes funds for a Toledo State College of Medicine teaching hospital was placed on the November ballot today by the board of county commissioners.

Action by the commissioners followed a meeting last night in which the County Hospital Commission unanimously recommended a bond issue to provide \$10.5 million for expansion programs at seven of the city's private, nonprofit hospitals and \$7.5 million toward construction of a 500-bed medical school teaching hospital.

The bond issue placed on the ballot by the commissioners would run for 20 years. Ned Skejdon, county commissioner president, estimated that the bond issue would require an annual real estate levy of slightly less than 1 mill.

Sharing in proceeds of the bond issue would be Flower, Mercy, Parkview, Riverside, St. Charles, St. Vincent, and Toledo hospitals plus the proposed teaching hospital.

The appointment of J. Slater Gibson, a trustee of the new corporation and a member of the board of the Toledo State Medical College, to the County Hospital Commission.

Under a recommendation approved last week by the Hospital Planning Association, St. Luke's Hospital would be combined into the proposed Toledo State College of Medicine complex.

St. Luke's plans construction of a 200-bed hospital at Byrne Road and Glendale Avenue and was slated earlier this year to receive \$3.5 million from the hospital bond issue.

In recommending that St. Luke's be combined with the teaching hospital, the HPA took note of the competition that the new St. Luke's would face from the 500-bed teaching hospital and the county commissioners' declared intention to limit the hospital bond issue to \$18 million, including the teaching hospital.

The County Hospital Commission meeting last night was held on the eve of the deadline for placing a bond issue on the ballot. It followed a day of rapid developments that included:

► The incorporation of the Toledo State Medical Center as a nonprofit charitable hospital corporation that would qualify for participation in the county hospital bond issue.

► A formal offer by the University of Toledo board of directors to provide the new corporation with a 29-acre site on the TU campus for construction of the teaching hospital.

All three actions were aimed at qualifying the teaching hospital for participation in the county bond issue in light of the delay by the General Assembly in amending the Hoffman Act to permit facilities of this type to share in the proceeds of a county bond issue.

Thomas J. Mattinroe, assistant county prosecutor, said his office was satisfied that the teaching hospital is qualified to participate in the bond issue in view of these latest moves.

William E. Longthorne, assistant state attorney general assigned to the medical school project, said the TU offer was made to permit the Toledo State Medical Center to comply with a provision of the Hoffman Act that requires participants in a hospital bond issue to have land available to turn over to the County Hospital Commission.

The TU offer, Mr. Longthorne explained, is contingent on passage of the bond issue and on a request by the Toledo State Medical Center for the land as a teaching hospital site.

He added, however, that the offer in no way changes a previous offer by TU to make available up to 75 acres for a combined medical college and teaching hospital facility.

Indications are that the medical college will not receive additional funds, beyond the \$7.5 million already allocated, from the capital improvements bond issue that was passed by voters last May, Mr. Longthorne said.

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In view of this, trustees of the medical college feel it is imperative that every available means be utilized to arrange for local matching funds for the construction of the teaching hospital, he said.

Advises Delay

Thomas Dolan, a St. Vincent Hospital board member, said that it might be advisable to delay the bond issue and submit it to voters in a special election.

His suggestion was rejected by the three county commissioners, all of whom attended the meeting. A special election brings out the "againers," Mr. Skeldon said.

Franklin Schroeder, St. Luke's board president, voted for the bond issue package but said that he will need some clarification on the status of St. Luke's Hospital to present to his advisory board and medical staff at a meeting scheduled for 4 p.m. next Wednesday.

Bernard R. Baker, a medical school trustee, said that most of his fellow trustees are away from the city but assured Mr. Schroeder that the trustees planned to meet with him as soon as possible to discuss St. Luke's role in the medical school development.

William Gernheuser, county commissioner, said the St. Luke's question presents one of the "biggest stumbling blocks" in the bond issue proposal and urged that every attempt be made to insure full participation by St. Luke's.

Toledo Medical College

Bill Approved By House

Blade Columbus Bureau

COLUMBUS, July 15—Governor Rhodes' second capital improvements bill, carrying \$7.5 million for the Toledo State Medical College, sailed through the Ohio House yesterday without a dissenting vote.

The \$280 million measure, which also appropriates money for several other northwestern Ohio projects, now goes to the Senate.

Pipeline Sum Is Cut

Except for an allocation for a northwestern Ohio pipeline from Lake Erie, major items in the bill follow exactly the governor's promises during the successful campaign for the \$290 million bond issue approved by voters last May.

A total of \$20 million was earmarked for the pipeline, but the bill carries only \$2 million for planning it, and \$5 million has been diverted to public works, such as additional space for the Legislature and a new state welfare department headquarters here.

The bill includes \$277 million in new appropriations from the bond issue and \$3 million in reappropriations from the 1963 bond issue of \$250 million.

Earlier in the session, the General Assembly passed another capital improvements bill for \$189 million.

Toledo Increase Defeated

The \$7.5 million for the medical college is for a basic and clinical science facility.

Rep. Marigene Valiquette (D., Lucas County) proposed an amendment to double the medical school allocation to provide \$7.5 million for a teaching hospital. This was defeated by a 55-78 party-line vote, with the Republicans prevailing.

Northwestern Ohio allocations, counting the reappropriations, include:

- \$25 million for university branches and \$13 million for community colleges, including a community college for the Erie County area and a new home for the one at TU.

- \$4.6 million for Bowling Green State University, including \$481,263 for repairs and equipment, \$3.3 million for second and third phases of a science and research complex, and \$810,000 for an industrial technology building.

- Several natural resources projects, such as Auglaize River Parkway, \$700,000; East Harbor State Park, \$2 million; Grand Lake St. Marys, \$75,000; Kellys Island, \$220,000; Maumee River Parkway, \$505,000; South Bass Island, \$50,000.

- \$5 million for airports, with up to \$100,000 available for each county, including Auglaize, Fulton, Hardin, Henry, Huron, Mercer, Paulding, Putnam, Seneca, Williams, and Wyandot.

Biggest single item is \$37.5 million for Cleveland State University.

A \$12 million historical allotment includes \$75,000 for the Fort Meigs state memorial.

The Ohio Youth Commission would receive \$8 million, with \$5 million earmarked for the Rhodes administration's new program of matching subsidies for counties to establish local facilities for rehabilitating delinquent juveniles.

Listed, too, are \$5 million for a new state health headquarters, \$30 million for new prisons, \$25 million for constructing public school classrooms in needy districts, and \$10 million to defer assessments for industrial water and sewer lines across farm land.