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Mr. John Pittman Hey
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VIA EMAIL- editor@thetaxpayerschannel.org

Dear Mr. Hey:

This letter is written pursuant to §25-61-5 of the Ms. Code Annotated as the City of Greenwood’s written explanation for the denial of your public records request submitted via email to Mayor Carolyn McAdams on September 14, 2022 when you requested “a copy of the UMMC Proposal to lease the Hospital.”

We are unable to provide to you a copy of the bid received in response to the Greenwood Leflore Hospital’s request for proposals. The information you have requested is part of ongoing negotiations related to a request for proposals, and per §25-61-5 (6) is therefor exempt from public disclosure at this time.

Furthermore, it is the City’s position as co-owner of Greenwood Leflore Hospital, and in accordance in §41-9-68 (2) (iii), that the document you’ve requested is exempt from public disclosure as “records directly relating to prospective strategic business decisions of a public hospital.” Finally section 26-61-12(4) provides that “records of a public hospital board relating to the purchase or sale of medical or other practices or other business operations and the recruitment of physicians and other health care professionals, shall be exempt from the provisions of [the Public Records Act].”

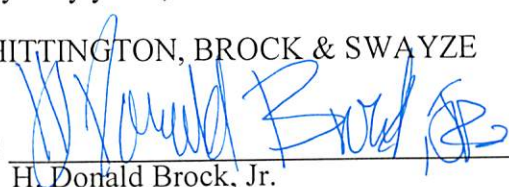
For the above stated reasons, and in light of on-going negotiations with a prospective bidder for the long term lease of the Greenwood Leflore Hospital, your public records request is denied as the requested record(s) are exempt from disclosure.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

WHITTINGTON, BROCK & SWAYZE

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Enclosures
cc. Mayor Carolyn McAdams, Tom Flanagan, Esq, Joyce Chiles, Esq and Elizabeth Hooper, Esq