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Ms. Rhonda Hawk
County Clerk
Walton Co. Board of Commissioners

Dear Ms. Hawk:

RE: Hospital Authority Board Appointments

The following board appointments expire on 9/30/2022. We would like to submit them for **reappointment for a five year term expiring 9/30/2027.**

1. Mrs. Sue McCullers
2. Ms. Melissa Shanahan
3. Mr. Ben Garrett

In addition, the term of Dr. Mark Shaffer is also expiring on 9/30/2022. Dr. Shaffer no longer resides in Walton County. **As a replacement for Dr. Shaffer, The Authority would request the appointment of Charles D. Preston.**(bio attached). Charles has served on the Walton County Health Care Foundation board for several years providing excellent insight and guidance. If approved, this appointment term will expire 9/30/2027.

Thank you so much for your assistance in these requests. Please feel free to call Ben Garrett at 770-601-2180, or email to wchcfi@gmail.com if you have any questions or need further information.

Respectfully,



Alan Duval, Chairman

Charles Dixon Preston is a Walton County native, residing in both Monroe and Social Circle. Preston is a 1998 alum of George Walton Academy. Sticking to his small town roots, he attended Georgia College and State University for his undergraduate studies. Graduating in 2003 with a Bachelor of Science in Political Science, Preston purchased a home in the Lake Oconee Area and spent the next few years working for the Ritz-Carlton Lodge on Lake Oconee. Working for the Ritz-Carlton was a landmark experience which afforded him the professional foundation, training, and foresight that he would apply to all future endeavors.

During his career at the Ritz-Carlton, he was introduced to Shane Bridges, who would eventually become one of his partners at ListingTank.com. ListingTank was born out of their entrepreneurial spirit and collaboration as an online rental site that later sold in 2009 to a private buyer. After the sale of this start-up company, Preston and Bridges started MedLaundry, a medical linen and scrub rental company. The business began flourishing while delivering medical linen from the back of Bridge's SUV. With a small washer and dryer, they grew the operation to nine employees with multiple pieces of large equipment and professional delivery trucks. The cornerstone to their success was the customer service and the foundation for that service that he got through the Ritz.

After the first successful years with MedLaundry, Preston and Bridges purchased a franchise of Heaven's Best Carpet Cleaning. The team provided service to the Ritz-Carlton, multiple surgery centers, Reynolds Lake Oconee's corporate office, limited private customers, and maintained Georgia Military College's 100,000 sq. foot office spaces. The impending birth of Preston's daughter, Catherine Eleanor, caused the pair to discontinue discussions of expansion and decide instead to sell the business to Low Country Medical Linen in 2016 so that Preston could return to Monroe and assume the role of father to Catherine and partner to her mother, Lisa. A short time later in 2016, Heaven's Best was sold to the Athens area franchisee owner in October.

Preston continued his work in the medical linen business, agreeing as a condition of the MedLaundry sale that he would work with Low Country Medical Linen, as the Sales Manager for Georgia and continue the strong customer relationships that he built over the years of owning the business. Once these obligations were completed he opened Lake Sinclair Storage in Milledgeville, Ga. in 2018 which was purchased by Bolt Storage in December of 2021. Preston is currently the owner of Storage of Dublin and has other storage facility projects in development. Preston also co-owns TPW Services, an ATM business that has been in operation since 2014. Preston is focused on continuing the steady economic growth in Walton County over the coming years and contributing to a healthy community for his daughter and all generations to follow.