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## **Doshier, Liberty agree to final terms on sale of nursing center license**

SOUTHPORT—The Doshier Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees voted last night to approve all terms and conditions for sale of the state license of the Doshier Nursing Center to Liberty Healthcare & Rehabilitation Services group for \$1.28 million.

The formal agreement is effective June 1, 2016. It calls for Liberty to assume operations of Doshier's skilled nursing facility at that time, accept all current residents regardless of payment method, build a replacement facility in or within five miles of Smithville Township, and allow current employees to apply for positions at Liberty's nursing center.

"The Board of Trustees held a series of meetings about the future of the Nursing Center with families of residents, community leaders, and other key stakeholders before making this decision. We're eager to see the plans Liberty is preparing for the new facility in our community to serve current and future residents," Doshier Board Chair Sherri Marshall said.

Transfer of the license is expected to be approved by state regulators within 90 to 150 days. Once approved, Liberty will announce plans for a new facility.

Liberty was one of 10 firms that responded to Doshier's advertised request for proposals for the nursing center license last winter. It submitted the highest and best bid among three which were reviewed by the Doshier Board in February.

The Doshier Nursing Center opened in 2000. It has 64 licensed beds.

With the sale of the nursing center license, Doshier plans to maintain focus on core hospital and clinic operations.

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