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Office of the Attorney General

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## \*1 Re: Alken County Hospital

Senator Michael Laughlin The Senate State House Columbia, South Carolina

## Dear Senator Laughlin:

You have asked whether the Aiken County Board of Commissioners has the authority to make decisions regarding the control and operation of the Aiken County Hospital.

In 1937 by Act No. 228 the General Assembly provided for a Board of Trustees of the Aiken County Hospital. It is quite clear from the statutorial language that the Board is in complete charge and control of said hospital. The Act specifically provides that the Board will direct the management, operation and supervision of said hospital.

On the basis of the foregoing, it is the opinion of this Office that, absent express legislation, the Aiken County Board of Commissioners has not decision-making authority regarding the control and operation of the Aiken County Hospital. Sincerely yours,

A. Camden Lewis Assistant Attorney General

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