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## Two Fatal Accidents Reported

A West Virginia woman was dead on arrival at Ross County Medical Center following a two-car accident in Ross County Monday.

According to the Ross County Sheriff's Department, the driver of one of the autos involved, Cynthia Cook, 30, Charleston, W. Va., was killed in the 1:07 p.m. mishap on US 35.4 mile east of Higby rd.

The driver of the other auto, James Adams, 58, Richmondale, escaped injury according to the sheriff's department.

Complete details of the accident were not available.

The sheriff's department also reported another fatal accident which occurred Saturday.

A Chillicothe woman was killed and a Frankfort man injured in the three-car crash along Marietta rd just south of Delano rd at 7:30 p.m.

According to report, the driver of one of the vehicles, Vicki Smith, 19, Chillicothe, was killed, while another

driver, Donald Kunz, 36, Frankfort, received injury and was taken to Ross County Medical Center.

The third driver, Richard Freeman, 37, Frankfort, escaped injury and was cited for driving while intoxicated

and left of center. Smith was apparently northbound on Marietta rd when Freeman went left of

center, striking her auto. Smith's car then went left of center following impact and struck the Kunz auto head-on.

## Hospital Bd. Okays Bid

A contract for liability insurance was approved at Monday's regular meeting of the Greenfield Municipal Hospital Board of Trustees.

Only one bid was received for liability insurance on the board of trustees and employees. The bid was submitted by Carl Sitterle, representing the Ohio Hospital Insurance Association.

Members accepted the bid, which was substantially less than the contract with the same company for the previous year, according to Administrator Phil Braeuning. He said this is because GHM no longer has to contribute to a stabilization fund as it did last year. The insurance association is mutually owned by about 100

hospitals in Ohio, Braeuning said, and members have realized substantial savings through the program.

In other business Monday, members received a proposal for modernization of a room at the hospital. The room would be used to care for critically ill patients. Braeuning said the project, which is estimated at approximately \$1,500, would be considered as a prototype for the possible renovation of all existing rooms in the near future.

The trustees also discussed the purchase of fireproof filing cabinets and a new dictating system for the medical records department. The dictating system will be installed when the medical

records department is moved to the area currently serving as the cafeteria. The cafeteria will be moved to the front part of the hospital, and the switchboard and admitting area will be transferred to the present site of medical records.

Financial reports for the first two months of 1980 were reviewed. Braeuning said that while the inpatient census was somewhat below the projected figure, the outpatient volume and profitability had improved from 1979 figures.

The collection rate at GMH over the last few months has been the highest in the hospital's history, Braeuning said, and the cash flow problems experienced for several years at GMH are quickly being resolved.

Board members also met with Bill Slabodnick, vice president of the Ohio Hospital Association, who gave a presentation on the changing role of the hospital trustee. He pointed out that in today's world the trustee has much more responsibility than the figurehead image attributed to the trustee 10 or 15 years ago.

Recent court decision have made it clear that the hospital board has a moral and financial responsibility for the quality of care and proper management of hospitals, Slabodnick said. He gave many examples of instances where boards have been held liable for the actions of employees and physicians.

## Truck Bids Approved By Highland Co. Commissioners