JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — A Missouri panel has voted to block Fulton Medical Center from building a 10-bed hospital in south Columbia.

The Columbia Daily Tribune reports (http://bit.ly/1M6Wf5p ) the Missouri Health Facilities Committee voted 5-2 Monday against the proposed hospital.

The committee must approve new hospitals, nursing homes and medical equipment costing more than $1 million. The hospital would have cost about $40 million to develop.

**Fulton Medical Center had argued it would offset losses from what formerly was known as Callaway Community Hospital. Fulton is owned by health care management company Neuterra, which is based in Kansas, and the University of Missouri Health Care.**

Boone Hospital Center and its parent company BJC have criticized the proposed facility as unneeded because there are several other hospitals now serving the area.

BJC competitor loses bid for Columbia hospital

July 14, 2015  •  By Samantha Liss

BJC HealthCare succeeded Monday in blocking a competitor’s bid to build a 10-bed hospital in Columbia, Mo.

**University of Missouri Health Care and its partner Nueterra, a health care management firm based in Leawood, Kan., sought state approval to build a mainly surgical hospital near Highway 63 and Discovery Parkway.**

On Monday, Missouri Health Facilities Review Committee rejected the project by a vote of 5-2. The project would have been located about five miles from Boone Hospital Center, BJC’s 397-bed hospital in Columbia.

Boone Hospital Center President Jim Sinek and other employees testified against the project Monday.

The health facilities review committee is tasked with regulating proposed health care projects throughout the state in an effort to contain costs and maintain access for citizens.


In the past, BJC, the largest employer in St. Louis, has adamantly opposed projects that aim to offer only specific services, and especially those with a focus on surgeries.

In 2012, BJC opposed Dr. George Paletta’s plan to build a surgical center/physician office in Chesterfield that was allowed to keep patients for up to 72 hours.

Paletta is the former Cardinals team doctor. The project has yet to be built and no plans to develop the center ever came in, Aimee Nassif, planning and development services director for Chesterfield, previously told the Post-Dispatch.
Arguments for new Columbia hospital fail to convince regulators

JEFFERSON CITY — The hospital in Fulton is losing $1 million, and can't be financially viable without a sister hospital being constructed in Columbia to supplement its operations, a lawyer for Nueterra and University of Missouri Health Care told the Health Facilities Review Committee on Monday.

But the argument wasn't enough to convince committee members, who voted 5-2 against an application for a new Fulton Medical Center campus in south Columbia.

State regulators turned down the proposed 10-bed hospital after hearing opponents charge that the submission was deceptive and would damage the ability of Boone Hospital Center to provide quality care.

The action by the Health Facilities Review Committee, voting shortly after 1 p.m., means Fulton Medical Center, owned jointly by MU Health Care and Leawood, Kan.,-based Nueterra, will not be able to build the hospital proposed for Lenoir Street. The partners, who purchased Fulton Medical Center early this year, had intended to use a portion of the profits to rehabilitate the Fulton facility once known as Callaway Community Hospital.

The new facility in Columbia is the only way for Fulton Medical Center to remain financially viable, said Rick Watters of Lashly & Baer PC, a St. Louis law firm hired to present the application. It is losing $1 million a year, has a low occupancy rate and no resident surgeons, he said.

A large number of Callaway County patients are already traveling to Columbia for hospital care, Watters said. New construction in Fulton will not change that.

“If you build a new hospital in Fulton, a nice shiny one, you still have no surgeons,” he said.

Marsha Campbell of Kansas City and State Rep. Caleb Jones, R-Columbia, cast the only votes in favor of the plan.

“It is a $38 million project in my district,” Jones said afterwards to explain why he supported the application.
The financial boost from the project was not enough to convince Boone County Presiding Commissioner Dan Atwill, who spoke against the hospital. “Approval of this request provides an opportunity for harm much greater than the opportunity for benefit,” Atwill said.

If the new hospital went into operation, Atwill said it would weaken Boone Hospital Center, leading to “long-term deterioration” and the loss of services.

After the vote, MU Health Care CEO Mitch Wasden released a statement thanking the committee for “thoughtful consideration of our request.”

A zoning change for the new hospital has already been approved by the Columbia Planning and Zoning Commission. That action is scheduled to come up Monday at the Columbia City Council.

But without the approval of the committee, the hospital cannot be built. The Health Facilities Review Committee must approve a Certificate of Need for new hospitals, nursing homes and medical equipment costing more than $1 million.

BJC, the St. Louis-based company that operates Boone Hospital Center, put together an opposition campaign that focused on the oddly drawn service area of the new hospital and the potential for harm to patients. While Boone, University Hospital and other specialty hospitals are within five miles of the proposed location, the application excluded them from its estimate of the services available.

Instead, the service area was described as Callaway County and portions of Boone County east and south of the site.

“All I have to see is a naked gerrymander that is intended to mislead,” said Bob Pugh, owner of MBS Textbook Exchange. Pugh opposed the plan and said his company, which is self-insured, was already experiencing high health care costs.

“We are not interested in pitching in to pay for something that is not needed to begin with,” Pugh said.

The arguments against the proposed 10-bed hospital are disingenuous, said Watters. BJC is one of the largest health care providers in the region, he noted.

“The hubris with which BJC attacks this proposal makes one laugh,” Watters said. “Their position is worthy of an 800-pound gorilla.”
Proposal for new hospital fails state-level review

JEFFERSON CITY — A state review board on Monday voted 5 to 2 against a proposed 10-bed hospital in Columbia that was opposed by Boone Hospital Center.

There was no public discussion by members of the Missouri Health Facilities Review Committee just before the vote. The panel makes decisions on major hospital expenditures.

Fulton Medical Center, MU Health Care and the private equity firm, Nueterra, wanted to build the $36.1 million hospital on land that was originally Ed's Mobile Home Park and Sunset Mobile Home Park at 4130 and 4150 Lenoir St., respectively.

Mitch Wasden, CEO of MU Health Care, told the panel MU has struggled with capacity issues at University Hospital due to growth and a fixed physical footprint. He said the project would provide relief to University Hospital and continue its educational mission.

Michael Powell, CEO of Fulton Medical Center, focused on the medical service needs of people in Callaway County and the financial challenges at Fulton Medical Center.

"It is clear that a new business model is needed to keep our doors open," Powell said. "I implore you to consider the residents of Callaway County."

Jim Sinek, president of Boone Hospital Center, criticized the proposed certificate of need that the review board would need to grant.

According to the certificate of need that was submitted in April, the hospital would provide a second location and add emergency services, general surgery, behavioral health services, an
expanded rehabilitation program, geriatric services and other outreach programs in addition to the existing services provided by Fulton Medical Center.

The application said the hospital would be designed to encourage "patient ease of access" and be built at a convenient location.

Opponents said the services provided by existing hospitals were sufficient.

Boone Hospital Center released a statement after the meeting expressing pleasure with the outcome.

"Boone Hospital Center looks forward to working with all of our local providers to find solutions of unmet healthcare needs in the community," the prepared statement reads. "This decision helps us do that on a level playing field."

Application for new Columbia hospital denied

A proposed new hospital in Columbia, Missouri, which faced opposition from BJC HealthCare, has been voted down by a state oversight panel.

The Missouri Health Facilities Review Committee voted 5-2 against the application for the $36.1 million, 10-bed hospital, which would be operated by Fulton Medical Center, the Columbia Tribune reports.

Fulton Medical Center is a partnership between University of Missouri Health Care and the for-profit health facility management company Nuterra Health. Mitch Wasden, CO of MU Health, told the Tribune that the new hospital would provide relief for the increasing patient population at MU’s main hospital.

Boone Hospital Center and its parent company, BJC, voiced opposition to the project, questioning the need for another hospital. BJC hired well-known lobbyists to oppose the plan, the Columbia Tribune reports.
MU Health Certificate of Need Denied


MU Health and Neuterra Proposal Denied

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MU chancellor releases statement on flag photo

Watch story: http://mms.tveyes.com/PlaybackPortal.aspx?SavedEditID=e81fdd24-bc02-42e2-bd64-7177fb4befa4
COLUMBIA, Mo. - University of Missouri Chancellor R. Bowen Loftin released a statement Monday afternoon after a photo taken on campus three years ago began circulating on social media.

The photo displays students holding a Confederate and University of Georgia flag.

The photo in question was taken in 2012 at a Greek house on the MU campus.

The Chancellor said, "Especially considering recent events in South Carolina concerning the Confederate flag, this photo may be considered offensive and possibly even threatening to some of our community members."

In the statement, Chancellor Loftin said the University doesn't think any of the people in the photo are past or current MU students, but it is working to identify those in the photo.

"MU officials do not condone any activities that could threaten the safety of our community," said Loftin.

MUPD seeks re-accreditation

COLUMBIA - The University of Missouri Police Department (MUPD) is seeking re-accreditation from the Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA).

A dozen campus leaders and faculty members attended a meeting with the CALEA team Monday afternoon to discuss their opinion of the department.

Tim Stokes has been the Director of MU Parking and Transportation for six years. He said MUPD has always "enthusiastically and professionally respond to any request we've had."

Frankie Minor has been the Director of Residential Life for more than 20 years. He said the campus demographic is unique because it is mainly young adults who are on their own for the first time, but is also very diverse. He said MUPD understands their clientele, calling the department "adaptable" and "progressive" in their effort to keep upward of 60,000 people safe.
Minor also said many students fall victim to abusing drugs and alcohol and said MUPD has always been very open and cooperative with his department in those situations.

"We couldn't be as effective in our job without them," Minor said.

Missouri Students Association (MSA) President Payton Head also voiced support for MUPD. He said in his experience working with parents on new students, the knowledge that MUPD is there and active on campus is a major recruiting tool for the university and also comforts many concerned parents.

"Parents want to know their students will be safe," Head said.

Head said he would like to see better communication between MUPD and minority groups on campus. He said many young black men like himself have a fear of law enforcement and face police aggression and brutality more often than non-blacks. Head said new additions like body cameras and dash cameras have been a big improvement in both holding students and officers accountable.

"The CALEA accreditation is a process," said Assessor Jeff Pierce, the team leader in charge of MUPD's re-evaluation. "Law enforcement agencies around the country voluntarily enter a program where they agree to comply with just short of 500 standards of what is considered the best practiced management of law enforcement today."

MUPD has been a CALEA-accredited police department since 2001, and goes through a re-evaluation every three years to maintain that status.

In addition to complying to the long list of CALEA standards, Pierce said the re-evaluation process can be rigorous for departments.

"CALEA has a team - which is what we're here for - that goes in to look over the operation, interact with the department employees and interact with the community that they serve," Pierce said.

Pierce, a captain for the Oklahoma City Police Department, said a CALEA accreditation is a source of pride.

"It's very prestigious," Pierce said. "It's rigorous for an agency to undertake. The commitment in time and personnel is pretty significant."

Pierce said the commitment for a small department like MUPD can be even more taxing on the agency.

Following the open forum, Pierce said MUPD has made a good first impression on him.

"All of the comments today were extremely positive, we were pretty impressed with the amount of feedback," Pierce said.
MUPD has also been accredited three times by the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA). IACLEA uses CALEA standards as well as campus-specific standards for police departments. MUPD was most recently accredited by IACLEA in January 2013.

**MU installs iris readers outside Rothwell Club**

By Alan Burdziak

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The University of Missouri’s Student Recreation Complex is installing iris readers in its Rothwell Club in an effort to increase security and convenience, a university spokesman said.

MU spokesman Jeff Sossamon said the club bought four readers, two each for the men’s and women’s sides, for $13,000. The readers are in place outside the women’s locker room, and there are plans to install readers on the men’s side at the end of the summer.

“It’s similar to just a webcam that takes a picture,” Sossamon said. “It’s not invasive, as opposed to a retina scanner, which sends a beam into your eye.”

Sossamon estimated there are between 200 and 250 members in the Rothwell Club, which, for an additional $18 a month, provides towels, soap and shampoo and long-term storage in lockers. The data are stored securely, Sossamon said, and only two employees at the club have access to the information.

Sossamon said the readers’ installation was not in response to any event or theft but was done for improved security at the club and for members’ convenience.

“It was just an added enhancement to the members of the Rothwell Club,” he said.

Two people were arrested in mid-June for allegedly stealing credit and debit cards out of the standard locker room at the recreation center.

Samara B. Eagen, 30, faces five felony charges related to the thefts. Nicholas R. McCallister, 26, has been charged with four felonies for allegedly driving Eagen to the rec center and to stores
where police say she bought more than $1,000 worth of gift cards and an XBox One before the cards were declined.

Eagen was scheduled to appear in court Monday for an arraignment.

At least one former member said he has concerns about MU’s use of biometric data.

Colin Schuster said that when he first joined the Rothwell Club, members only had to use their ID cards to get in. Then a thumbprint scanner was installed. The university installed the two iris readers in the women’s portion of the Rothwell Club last fall.

“Is hanging onto biometric data from students, staff and faculty an appropriate decision for a recreation facility?” asked Schuster, a second-year medical student.

If the data are hacked, there is potential for people’s identities to be stolen, Schuster said, or their use of the club tracked. Although Schuster said he understands the rec center’s desire to increase security, he canceled his membership because of the readers.

For Schuster, the potential for crime in the club is too low to justify using iris readers for entry. Despite his objections, though, Schuster said he understands the appeal for some members.

Some people he has talked to have said using the iris readers makes them “feel like James Bond. They think it’s sexy technology.”

**New SEC commissioner lays out vision during changing times**

July 13, 2015

By Dave Matter

**NO MU MENTION**

**HOOVER, Ala. •** A new era for the Southeastern Conference kicked off Monday in the most 21st century way.

Greg Sankey, the league’s new commissioner, captured his entrance at the Wynfrey Hotel on Periscope, the live streaming smartphone application.
Technically, live streaming of SEC football media days is prohibited unless you’re officially operating an SEC Network television camera.

But if anyone can skirt the rules, it’s the new boss.

Sankey, who took over June 1 as the league’s eighth commissioner and replaced longtime SEC mastermind Mike Slive, opened the first session of media days with his first state-of-the-conference address.

He read a 32-page speech that touched on the league’s evolution under Slive.

Sankey quoted Bob Dylan’s “The Times They Are a-Changin” to note the milestone transitions that have swept through the league the last five years, including the addition of Texas A&M and Missouri in 2012 and last year’s launch of the SEC Network.

“Come writers and critics who prophesize with your pen and keep your eyes wide open, the chance won’t come again,” said Sankey, quoting Dylan’s 1964 song. “I am entirely confident that I will be here again with a chance to visit with you, but it is absolutely true that the times are changing rapidly and all around us.”

Among several high-minded goals set forth by the new commissioner, Sankey, 50, said he wants to see every SEC student-athlete graduate.

To illustrate that ambition, he listed a former athlete from all 14 SEC schools who returned to earn a degree, including former Florida baseball player and Cardinals World Series MVP David Eckstein and Mizzou Olympic shot putter Christian Cantwell.

Also, Sankey will create a new conference-level position, director of student-athlete engagement, who will be “focused on fostering collaboration among our existing conference programs on our campuses and developing new strategies to meet the unique demands faced by our student-athletes,” Sankey said.

Another goal for the SEC, Sankey said, “is to never return a championship, never pull down a championship banner, never vacate any wins and never have a team banned from postseason competition due to NCAA infractions or the lack of academic success under the NCAA’s academic performance program.”

**WHERE THERE’S A WILL**

With Auburn and Florida’s contingents on hand, the most talked-about coach on the first day of interviews was nowhere near Hoover: new Auburn defensive coordinator Will Muschamp, who was Florida’s coach the last four seasons. Auburn coach Gus Malzahn called Muschamp “the best defensive mind in all of football — not just college football.” Auburn linebacker Kris Frost described Muschamp as the missing link for a program that struggled to stop anyone last season.
“The way he coaches raises our confidence level,” Frost said. “Coach Muschamp really understands when you do something good, he praises you. That’s what we love about him so much. Then it becomes more about making great plays to excite your coach and excite your team than it is making great plays so you don’t get in trouble.”

The Gators haven’t forgotten their former coach, either. Florida defensive end Jonathan Bullard said he keeps in touch with Muschamp regularly.

“I wish him the best,” Bullard said. “Everything didn’t work out how we planned.”

COMMO-DOH!

Vanderbilt second-year coach Derek Mason admitted he erred in delegating defensive play-calling duties last year. That’s why he fired coordinator Dave Kotulski after Vandy’s 3-9 season and replaced him with ... himself. “If you’re a defensive mind, if you’re an offensive mind, you do what you know,” Mason said. “I believe I know defensive football.”

That’s not all Mason learned last year. He explained his biggest blunder with stunning candor.

“I made some assumptions a year ago about this football team,” he said. “I assumed that, just because we were in the SEC, that we play like an SEC team. And we didn’t.”

MU Children's Hospital patients pampered at Glamourazzi

COLUMBIA -- Kids at MU's Children's Hospital got a special treat Monday night.

They were pampered by at the event entitled, "Glamourazzi".

The girls got their hair, makeup, nails done by a team of professional stylists, while the boys enjoyed free haircuts.
They also got to meet some celebrities, including Miss. Missouri.

A local photography studio took photographs for free.

Participants also enjoyed fun crafts and food.

Glamourazzi is organized every year by Mid-Missouri radio station, Q106.1.

COLUMBIA MISSOURIAN

'Mockingbird' read-a-thon sets the table for 'Watchman' release

SARAH FINE, 1 hr ago

COLUMBIA — The fact she was performing for an almost-empty room did not faze Sally Foster. She found her place in the middle of "To Kill a Mockingbird," sat up straight and read crisply into the microphone. It was the part where Atticus Finch shot the rabid dog.

"'The rifle cracked. Tim Johnson leaped, flopped over and crumpled on the sidewalk in a brown-and-white heap. He didn't know what hit him.'"

As his wife worked confidently through chapter 10, Greg Foster spoke quietly to keep from disturbing the reading. "Sally and I read it out loud together last week because we knew this was coming," he said.

*Sally Foster, a teacher and staff member at MU's Learning Center, and her husband were among about 20 volunteers at a read-a-thon Monday at Barnes & Noble Booksellers at Columbia Mall. It was part of a national Barnes & Noble event held in anticipation of the release Tuesday of the "Mockingbird" sequel, "Go Set a Watchman."*
Since it was published in 1960, "To Kill a Mockingbird" has sold 40 million copies, earned Lee a Pulitzer Prize and been adapted into an Academy Award-winning film. It has been a staple of American education; few have graduated high school without meeting the Finch family, Tom Robinson and the reclusive Boo Radley. But despite its popularity, "Mockingbird" did not seem likely to have a sequel.

Lee, 89, has said she did not intend to publish another novel. She has declined almost all interviews about "Mockingbird" and emerged only sporadically into the public eye, including to accept the Presidential Medal of Freedom, to comment on the banning of her book and to publish essays.

But "Go Set a Watchman" is not a true sequel; as the information accompanying the release goes, Lee completed it in the 1950s, before "Mockingbird." It follows an adult Scout and an aged Atticus. According to the website of the book's publisher, HarperCollins, the manuscript was virtually forgotten until it was rediscovered in late 2014.

Sally Foster finds "To Kill a Mockingbird" compelling because of the issues it raises. "It gives people a chance to think about issues that have affected men and women and boys and girls, about issues of social justice," she said. "It opens a conversation."

**Greg Foster, who teaches humanities in MU's Honors College, said he has read "Mockingbird" several times but volunteered for the read-a-thon because of its impact on friends and former students.**

"Auden said that some books are undeservedly forgotten, but none are undeservedly remembered," Greg Foster said. "So whatever it is, we still remember it, and there's a reason why we do ... I think the engagement with it and the things that it brings up are more important that some set of lessons that it's supposed to teach."

For Cathy Salter, a columnist for the Columbia Daily Tribune and the Boone County Journal, "To Kill a Mockingbird" has been a part of her life for more than 50 years.
"I read the book when it first came out," Salter said. "I was sensitive, growing up in the 1960s, to the problems with race in the South and other places. So it's been part of my history."

Salter said "Mockingbird" stands up as well today as it did half a century ago.

"It brings to the forefront again the whole issue of racism in a time when we're all examining it," she said. "Seeing change, seeing the first black president, and then unfortunately seeing what happened in South Carolina, reminds us that it's not over, that race is still something that divides us."

"Watchman" readers may find that "Mockingbird" characters are not exactly as they remember them. Early reviews revealed, among other bombshells, that this older Atticus Finch is a proponent of Jim Crow and had attended a Ku Klux Klan meeting — a revelation that may come as a shock to generations of Americans who knew Atticus as a level-headed, compassionate Southern lawyer who defended his black client from a lynch mob.

Sally Foster said she likes the idea of a different portrait of Atticus because it is more realistic.

"Exploring the racism of a fictional character is a beneficial activity," she said. "In some ways, when you live in a culture that is entrenched in racism, you can't be neutral. It is fiction, but the ways it's rooted in reality are what's important."

Lisa LoPorto, community business development manager for the Columbia Barnes & Noble who organized the read-at-thon, expects a rush of customers wanting "Watchman" on Tuesday. The store will open at 7 a.m., two hours early.

"There are a lot of pre-orders on it," LoPorto said. "In publishing history, this is something that hasn't happened in my lifetime."

When it was Salter's turn to read, she took her seat behind the microphone eagerly and began to read from Chapter 11.
"I'm happy to be doing this," Salter said earlier. "I look forward to reading the book and having a new generation not only reading the new book — which is actually an old book — but going back and reading 'To Kill a Mockingbird' again."