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ability.  
"Over the past few months, we have received calls that number in the 100s. We are doing a job as a result of the fact that we are listening to our constituents. We have decisions on what the people in our districts want, and that's what we based this decision upon," Craver said.  
However, Gilbert said no type of pay or threat had been made to the board concerning the discussion on reasons why his contract was not renewed.  
"All I have said is that actions which have been made about me that are not true are slander. But if people are not

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in rural nursing homes.  
"So, AMHC spoke with the Deposit Bank on the advertised sale and they expressed a wish to invest the whole million and half," Lanny Hutchison of the First National Bank of Carlisle asked if since the hospital had already approached the Deposit Bank bids were still competitive.  
"When you came to talk to me, I spoke about investing \$200,000. It didn't just that time that \$2 million exceeded my lending authority, but you want that same day and Miller were bid to believe, while discussing the financial situation with Hutchison, that Hutchison was not interested in the proposal. We only had the financial report there two to three days ahead of time, and you don't make a \$2 million dollar in a couple of days," Hutchison said.  
"I feel there has been a misrepresentation of facts here and respect, fairness, and challenge the members of the hospital corporation (local court members) to do what is in the best interest of this county and take the lowest bid."  
"Read the bid of directors that had fulfilled the legal requirement of advertising for bids."  
"But there is nothing to prohibit the board from fulfilling the agreement with the Deposit Bank," Miller said.  
Miller explained that the hospital had tried to get their "dicks in order."  
"After all, if you advertise for bids and no one is interested, then what? You have to drum up some interest. We've been planning on this for two years, we wouldn't want this to fall through with you," Miller said.  
"This is the deal. Mr. Jim Brown of the Deposit Bank said, give me all your deposits for 20 years, or the duration of the bond, and we will give you the \$1.5 million. Surely this could have been some sort of partnership agreement, but we came to the table fairly today, if we lose it, I accept that at face value — but not because of some press, concealed deal," Hutchison said.  
But Hutchison said that since the First National knew what the Deposit Bank and the Deposit Bank had to reveal to present, the First National would be at an unfair advantage.  
Hutchison said all bids should be taken into consideration.  
But before the hospital corporation could open session, Juanita Smith, magistrate and member of the corporation, asked for a consideration by the board of directors.  
"We've had so many calls

"New most people would not be true, then why aren't they reviewed?" Gilbert said.  
These questions have not been answered and other board members could not be reached at press time.  
However, Jim Parks, press secretary for the state education department, said board members were not restricted to answering individual questions.  
"School board members are elected officials. They are elected to represent individuals in their districts and are free to speak, free to justify their actions," Parks said.  
Closed sessions involve deliberations concerning a parole board, real estate, pending litigation, collective bargaining and the dismissal of an employee, individual or student.  
And no final action may be taken in closed session.  
"The board, in its discretion, may seal the minutes of the meeting and they may be withheld from public inspection. But nothing prohibits board members from speaking directly," Parks said.  
"And really, there is nothing in the statute I have found to keep directors out of the closed session of the board members as individuals from talking about what went on in closed session."  
Parks also explained the Screening Committee process: the school board voted to establish.

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**SPORTS**

**Hearts skip a beat as Nicholas defeats Paris**

**By Jason Hart**  
**Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff**  
**CARLISLE** - The Nicholas County Bluejackets defeated the Paris Greyhounds Saturday night 75-69 to clinch the Region 10 title.  
The Bluejackets also earned the right to travel to Richmond to take vie for the state championship.  
Paris came into the game fresh from a semi-final victory over Tolleboro, and Nicholas County defeated Bracken County to advance to the final round.  
Paris took the tip-off and immediately turned it into two points. The Hornets took an early lead, while the Jackets wound up to strike back.  
Israel Stacy did just that for the Bluejackets just 40 seconds into the first period, clearing the lanes to go far for Greyhound Maurice Hood answered with a slick three pointer, and Bluejacket John

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