

Elers vs. Knox County hearing set for July 16

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The COVID-19 pandemic has the circuits of courts in Tennessee. Some courts have opened with limited seating recently and the Elers vs. Knox County lawsuit, which has been in limbo for several months, finally appears on the Chancery Court docket.

During the Knox County Board meeting Tuesday the board's attorney, Jim Cheung, said that July 16 at 10:30 a.m. is the new date and time. The hearing is to rule on a motion to dismiss filed by Knox County and the Hospital Board regarding a claim action

Family Fights Frustration, caring for a loved one from afar during pandemic



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Her family took home and began working through the difficulties and worries that her family faced while she was in the hospital during the pandemic is a heartbreaking story that must be told.

The 55-year-old West Knoxville resident in Parkview Medical Center was one week ago, waiting surgery for two broken hips, likely dead and certainly brain-dead, and alone and could have no visitors because of hospital policy due to the coronavirus pandemic.

One of her daughters, Abby Smith, was panicked and concerned about her 77-year-old mother wanting to be with Abby during the ordeal. Abby and an husband, Mike, began a fruitless effort to see her father.

"We've been trying to get in to see him," she said. The family, with the help and advice of Knox County Commissioner Charles Butler, the son