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Broken Bow Hospital \$12.3 Million Expansion

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During a time of economic instability, many businesses are cutting back, but the hospital in Broken Bow is undergoing a \$12.3 million expansion project, and it's completely self funded.

The hospital is paying for the project with reserve funds and current cash flows. It's something they're proud of and something they need to provide better care for patients.

Construction crews on phase two of the three phased project. It will include a new patient care wing with 33,000 extra square feet, 23 patient rooms, and three waiting rooms.

"It's a big project for our small hospital," said President and CEO Mike Steckler.

Steckler says it's a much needed project. The original building was built in 1971 and didn't meet modern needs.

"We're so excited about this, it's great for all of central Nebraska," said Deb Miller and Administration Assistant at the hospital.

With careful saving and planning, the project will not use a bond issue or tax dollars.

"We're going to use reserve funds and current revenues and pay for it. We're pretty proud about that," Steckler said.

The expansion will provide more room and even include a private chapel and a healing garden.

"This is a great project. It will allow for us to control infection control," said Nurse Deb Rapp, RN.

The second phase of the expansion started last July and officials expect it to finish in 18 months.



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