

Hospital project gets final approval

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Artist's drawing of BCHC with addition.

Boone County Health Center will have a new wing for patient rooms and several other improvements in a \$5.77 million project that received final approval from the hospital's board of trustees last week.

The project was approved after a year of planning, as well as a review of construction costs and the hospital's financial status.

The board heard and responded to the request of area community residents, according to Dr. Mark Palmer, board chairman.

"Our patrons tell us they want private rooms and quality care," said Dr. Palmer. "We have excellent medical, lab and radiology staff, supported by the latest in medical equipment, so this project is the natural progression in providing quality health care and services at the hospital and clinics. And, we were able to reach this goal at no expense to the taxpayer. The entire project will be funded from the hospital's operational budget," stated Palmer.

In addition to providing all private patient rooms, the project will provide a large private family-suite room for terminally ill patients; larger easier-access restrooms in existing patient rooms, two new obstetrical suites, more storage and room for electronic management of patient records, and on-site purchasing and supply storage.

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