

Kearney County Health Services celebrates \$10M expansion



Jessica Kokesh, Kearney Hub Staff and patients do their part

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MINDEN — Kearney County Health Services' \$10 million expansion will bring the hospital into the 21st century, officials said Wednesday.

At a groundbreaking in Minden, Fred Meis, CEO of the hospital, said the construction will improve the quality of care the facility can provide.

"People will receive the right care at the right time in the right environment," he said.

In March, Kearney County voters approved bonds for the expansion and renovation of the 56-year-old facility.

The addition will contain 10 new in-patient private rooms, a new cardiac rehabilitation department, and a new reception and admissions area and entrance.

The existing acute care wing will be renovated and converted into a two-bay emergency room with waiting area, four outpatient exam rooms with two outpatient physician offices, a pharmacy area, nurses' station and procedure room.

More than 50 people from the community and employees from the hospital attended the groundbreaking ceremony.

Minden Mayor Roger Jones thanked the citizens of Kearney County for approving the bond issue and congratulated the hospital for proceeding with construction.

“In a community of our size, there are two things that are important to have: health care and educational systems,” he said. “It’s extremely important to have facilities to serve the citizens of Minden and patrons of Kearney County.”

Robert Garrett, chairman of the Kearney County Health Services Board of Trustees, said the board’s faith in Kearney County was well-justified, and the cooperation from residents will make Minden a good community to live in.

Construction on the facility will take an estimated two years, and a grand opening is scheduled for