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Smithville Regional Hospital Announces Purchase of 28 Acres in Bastrop

Dennis Jack, CEO of Smithville Regional Hospital, announced Monday the hospital purchased 28 acres in Bastrop and residents of Bastrop County could see the addition of a new medical facility in the near future.

"We want to continue to provide for the healthcare needs of our community. We think our county deserves modern healthcare provided in an appropriate setting," said Jack. "A setting that is convenient to home where patients are familiar with the staff and doctors."

The Hospital is currently exploring various possibilities from an ambulatory surgical center to a full service hospital with ER, Labor & Delivery Care, Day Surgery, Diagnostic Imaging and a Laboratory. SRH currently provides the county's only obstetrical labor delivery center, 24 – hour emergency service, Intensive Care Unit and full Imaging center.

Currently, the Board of Directors has seen six different plan proposals for Bastrop's facility by contractors, architects and constructors, varying in size from 20,000 to 50,000 square feet at a cost ranging from 9 to 13 million dollars. Jack said the project will be funded by operations through a bond market.

The newly acquired acreage will also allow the hospital to expand for decades to come. Future plans include doctor's offices, wellness facilities and a Cath Lab. SRH has a long-term vision for the new facility, which could serve the area for 50 years or more.

According to a needs assessment survey conducted in Bastrop County, area residents welcome the convenience of a state-of-the-art hospital. Jack said the location was selected because there has been major population growth in the county with access to few hospitals.

"Because of the rapid growth and development in Bastrop County, we recognized the opportunity to extend our medical services to meet the current and future healthcare needs of this community," said Jack.

Smithville Regional Authority is very excited to bring another level of health services to Bastrop County. "We hope this encourages people from Cedar Creek, Elgin and other parts of Bastrop County to visit this new facility," said Jack.

The land was purchased from John Horton & Associates, a realty firm out of Austin, and is located between Silver Pines Geriatric Center and the Bastrop Family Crisis Center. This is at the intersection of Old Austin Highway and the north end of Hasler Boulevard.

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