



SMITHVILLE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY NEWS

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City Council Annexes Land for Bastrop Hospital

Smithville Hospital Authority is excited to announce it is one step closer to breaking ground for its newest partner – Bastrop Medical Center (BMC).

The matters were posted for their final reading at last night’s meeting of the Bastrop City Council and with a vote of 5-0; they approved to annex a 25.65 acre tract of land located at the intersection of Hassler and Old Highway 71 for the future BMC. The City Council will still need to zone the property and approve plans.

“We’re excited to be part of the Bastrop community,” said Dennis Jack, Hospital CEO. “And we’re committed to do whatever it takes to improve health care. We want decisions to be made locally for the hospital, and we want to build stronger relationships with our physicians.”

The new hospital at BMC will house 12 inpatient medical beds, 6 post-partum/GYN recovery beds, 4 LDR beds, diagnostic and surgery facilities, 24-Hour Emergency Care Services, Women’s Health Services, Labor & Delivery Care, Day Surgery, Diagnostic Imaging and a Laboratory. The hospital will be approximately 60,000 square feet and will provide for 100 parking spaces. It is expandable in numerous ways to accommodate future growth. Construction is expected to begin in 2003. The total project cost is an estimated \$10 million dollars.

If the Bastrop City Council zones and approves the project by October as he expects, Jack said the hospital could be open for business by winter 2005.

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