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Smithville Regional Hospital CEO Resigns

After serving as chief executive officer of Smithville Regional Hospital for over a year, Dennis Jack resigned his position effective October 13, 2003. "His resignation is to pursue other interests," said Bobby Hennessey, President of the board of directors. "We wish Dennis well in his future endeavors," Hennessey also added.

The hospital's board of directors has named Grady Hooper, chief operating officer as interim chief executive officer of the 36-bed, not-for-profit hospital until a replacement is found. "Hooper is a logical choice for an interim CEO based on his past experience," said Hennessey. "The expansion and enhancement of the Smithville Regional Hospital and the construction of the new Bastrop Medical Center continue to direct our strategic long term and short term plans. The board of directors remains dedicated to moving forward and working to meet the evolving needs of the community," continued Hennessey.

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