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BOTHWELL REGIONAL HEALTH CENTER BOARD APPROVES CONSTRUCTION PROJECT, SELECTS CONTRACTOR

Excel Constructors To Build Medical Office Building

SEDALIA - Bothwell Regional Health Center's Board of Trustees approved plans for a 56,700-square-foot medical office building and selected a contractor for the project at its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 25.

[Excel Constructors](#), Overland Park, Kan., was chosen to serve as general contractor for the \$8.2 million project, which will provide office space for physician practices. The three-story medical office complex will be built on property the hospital already owns along Winchester Avenue and will be connected to the west side of Bothwell Diagnostic Center-Winchester.

"Recruiting more physicians to practice in this area is one of our highest priorities," said Bothwell President and Chief Executive Officer John Dawes. "Attracting doctors to rural areas is extremely competitive. The candidates we're interviewing expect to have state-of-the-art offices with access to cutting-edge technology. This new building will provide that and give us a competitive edge."



Bothwell OB/GYN Associates will occupy the first floor of the building, and [Missouri Heart Center](#), a Columbia, Mo., based cardiology practice, will occupy space on the second floor. This will include the practice of Dr. Henry Marquez, a Sedalia cardiologist already affiliated with Missouri Heart Center.

"With this new building, we also strengthen our partnership with the physicians of Missouri Heart Center so that area residents will have access to a higher level of cardiac care," Dawes said. "This also complements our expansion of services with our cardiovascular addition at the hospital."

The remaining portion of the second floor and the third floor will be left as shell space to be completed according to the use requirements of physicians as they are recruited to the community.

“The decision to build a medical office building wasn’t made lightly,” Dawes said. “We studied all available existing options first. We weren’t able to find space that allowed us to wire for the technology today’s physician practices require.”

Construction of the medical office building is expected to begin in June and take about a year to complete. The project will be financed by the \$18.3 million loan package the Board of Trustees approved in December. Excel Constructors is also the general contractor on the cancer and cardiovascular addition at the main hospital campus.

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Bothwell Regional Health Center is a 180-bed regional health center serving west-central Missouri with state-of-the-art technology and comprehensive health and wellness services including surgical, cancer, orthopaedic, endovascular/cardiac, women's health, and therapy services. For more information on Bothwell Regional Health Center and its services, visit the website at www.brhc.org.