

### **By Jan Rahn**

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The expansion/remodel project at Perkins County Health Services will get underway this spring. The Perkins County Health Services District Board gave approval to proceed with the expansion during their regular meeting on Monday morning, Jan. 14.

According to Dana McArtor, R.N., who is currently serving as co-interim administrator, it is hoped that ground breaking can take place by May 1.

At a cost of approximately \$14 million, the project will include upgrading the heating and cooling systems, creating single occupancy rooms with private bathrooms and showers; labor, delivery, postpartum rooms with whirlpool tub and showers; expanding the dietary, lab, and radiology departments; increasing accessibility for the disabled and creating an aquatics therapy pool to better assist patients with their physical therapy needs.

The current patient bed area and nurses station known as “the circle” will become administration offices. The newly constructed portion will be west of the current facility located at 900 Lincoln Avenue in Grant.

Heading the new project are Darland Construction of Omaha and Avant Engineering who will be letting bids for subcontractors in the near future.

#### **Administrator Search**

The search for a new administrator at Perkins County Health Services is underway.

A recruiting company has been hired to accomplish the task and a committee has been formed at the hospital to go through the applications received.

The deadline for submission of applications is Feb. 28.

Assisting McArtor as co-interim administrator is Chief Financial Officer Tiffany Weber.

#### **Logo Contest on Hold**

Last fall, PCHS announced a logo contest asking individuals to submit ideas for an updated design.

Much has transpired at the hospital since that time. Due to the upcoming construction and all of the necessary changes that will be taking place with the new expansion project, the logo contest has been put on hold.