

## Morrison Community Hospital

Public Hearing – April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018

A public hearing was held at O'Dell Public Library in Morrison, IL on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:00pm to discuss the details of the Morrison Community Hospital's proposed expansion project. All members of the Board of Directors, the Administrative Team and representatives from the Farnsworth and O'Shea firms were present.

Pam Pfister started the presentation with an overview of the history of Morrison Community Hospital, the changes in HealthCare and the addition of Physicians, Providers and Specialties lending to the need for the upcoming expansion project. Pam discussed the process of starting the concept and design development: The New ED and it's features, the ORs growing needs, Life Safety Regulations, the Med/Surg addition with larger rooms and future ICU capabilities, and the Lab and Rehab. relocation and upgrades to accommodate the increased volumes and to better serve the patients and community. Pam also reviewed the changes in parking, relocating the helipad to accommodate the increased parking and the new ambulance garage.

The expansion project is estimated to cost \$18 million dollars. A project of this scope will generate 1/3 of that as a return on investment for the community. The remodeled facility will be visible from route 30.

The following questions were posed:

Luke VanderBleek – will the acquired property have to be rezoned for parking?

- The civil engineers are working on that (Dave Burnison, Farnsworth Group).

Jennifer Black – Will the additional parking be on the hill?

- No, there will be additional parking on the corner of Knox and Jackson , the hill will be landscaped.

Don Beswick – Noted that there will be a private entrance for the ED, private waiting area and access to radiology. There will also be a canopy/covered entrance to the ED from outside.

Jennifer Black – How many new Med/Surg beds will there be?

- Eight new rooms to total sixteen on the Med/Surg floor. There could possibly be eighteen if the windows in ten and twelve are not covered. This positions us well for future upgrades.
- Earth movement will begin in August with the parking being addressed first.

Jennifer Black – Will the existing ED stay in place during construction?

- Yes, we'll have a temporary entrance to the existing ED.

Jennifer Black – Will the house be taken down or moved?

- The house will be taken down. The option of moving it was explored but it would not be cost effective.

Jennifer Black - Where will Rehab. be?

- Rehab. will be on the first floor in the new addition.

General Discussion – The parking and helipad will be moved first, phase one will include the ER/OR addition. The entire project is expected to take eighteen to nineteen months with a projected completion date of April/May 2020. The cost of the project is being covered by a forty year term USDA loan. Existing debt is being consolidated into this loan to minimize the impact of the monthly expenses increasing them by \$10,000.00/month. When looking at the cost analysis and income projections we were very conservative with the numbers basing them on current volumes.

Jennifer Black – Will the mobile MRI move?

- Yes, it will move around back outside of the new ED entrance.

Tom Potter – Will there be a secure ED room?

- Yes, the mental health room