



Press Release

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Land Acquisition Suitable for Future Construction of an Upgraded Hospital

SOUTH BEND, Wash. (January 31, 2023) - Willapa Harbor Hospital is pleased to announce the acquisition of a piece of property suitable for the future construction of an upgraded hospital. The goal is to build a facility that offers medical services that are currently unavailable in our area and that would carry us into the next century.

Over the next year, the hospital CEO and Board of Commissioners will work with community members to gather input regarding what the public would like to see built into any new facilities. For example, what specialists would be most useful and what services would you like to see made available so that we don't need to travel to Olympia as frequently?

The property consists of 20 acres, located on the east side of Highway 101, just south of Pedigree Catamarans. It was difficult finding a piece of property that met the requirements of access, water, tsunami safety, topographical suitability, and centrality of location, but the Hospital Commission is quite pleased with the final result. This location will give the site direct access to Hwy 101.

The current hospital has served us well since 1954. In the past few decades, construction standards have been improved, medical options have increased and our community's needs have changed. Additionally, the current hospital location has become too small to meet the requirements for the hospital, medical clinic and the urgent care facility. The major remodel required to bring the current structure up to code would be prohibitively expensive, time consuming and disruptive. By building a new facility on a separate and bigger site, we anticipate 1) maintaining operations during construction, 2) saving money and 3) building facilities that meet the current and future needs of the Willapa Harbor area. We welcome the community's input and participation as we design for the future. Watch for details!

Sincerely,

Willapa Harbor Hospital Board of Commissioners

Kathy Spoor
Jeff Nevitt
Toni Williams
Gary Schwiesow
Steve Holland

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