

Public meeting set on Holton hospital expansion plans

**(KNZA)--A public meeting on the proposed expansion of the Holton Community Hospital and its Family Practice Associates clinic is set for Wednesday, July 11th.**

**The meeting will take place at The Hotspot, located on the north side of the Holton Square at 124 West Fifth Street, at 6:30 in the evening.**

**The public is invited to attend the meeting and provide comments on the proposed project.**

**Rural Health Resources of Jackson County Inc., which does business as the Holton Community Hospital, has filed a pre-application with the USDA Rural Development for financial assistance to renovate and expand the hospital and to build a new, nearly 12,000-square-foot rural health care clinic.**

**Hospital officials say a larger clinic will provide more room for the hospital's growing roster of outpatient services.**

**The cost of the expansion and remodeling is estimated at \$16.5 million.**

**The hospital will be notified in October if its loan application is approved, and a groundbreaking for the new clinic could occur as soon as spring 2019.**

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