

New street now open in Falls City

(KLZA)-- The new 33rd Street from Highway 73, west to Bill Schock Boulevard and across from the entrance to Community Medical Center in Falls City is now open.

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held Monday morning.

Inside the Rural Fire Department building Mayor Shawna Bindle spoke of the cooperation between the various entities involved with making the new street possible.

Ryan Larsen, CEO of Community Medical Center said the hospital has been wanting to build the new street since moving to the hospitals current location in order to make it easier for emergency traffic and other traffic to get to the hospital.

EDGE Executive Director Lucas Froeschl said it took the efforts of many to get the project completed. It's been two-and-a-half year process to get the new street built. He thanked all those involved for their cooperation.

Froeschl said the new 19-acre commercial site on the east side of Highway 73, across from 33rd Street will be important to the future of Falls City. Hopes are to attract revenue generating businesses that will maximize the cities tax capturing potential and make goods available in Falls City, citizens now leave the community to purchase.

The Falls City Rural Fire Department has an entrance to 33rd Street. Department member Jerry Duerfeldt said the department is excited about the new street and the new driveway that will hopefully simplify the fire trucks exits and reduce the department response times.

The bid for the construction of the new street was \$771,234. Community Medical Center is paying \$275 thousand toward the cost of the project over a 10-year period.