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City of Charlestown Common Council
304 Main Cross Street
Charlestown, IN 47111

Re: Hospital Renovation Update

Dear Council Members:

Last week I called a meeting with the owner of the hospital and asked for an update on the progress of their ongoing renovation. The long duration of the renovation has generated significant concern among community members. I requested an update that could be shared publicly with you and with our residents. Attached with this memo is the update I received today.

Currently the owner is in compliance with building permit and wastewater ordinances having paid for an updated construction permit fee of \$49,500 and sewer capacity fee of \$108,000 the day following our meeting.

Let me know if you have any additional questions. We should receive regular updates as progress continues and I will make sure you receive these updates.

Sincerely,

Treva E. Hodges, Mayor
City of Charlestown, Indiana

January 12, 2026

Community Update: North Clark Community Hospital & GetWell Health System

North Clark Community Hospital continues to move forward toward reopening as a 54-bed community hospital in partnership with GetWell Health System, an established healthcare organization focused on delivering accessible, patient-centered care through both hospital services and outpatient clinics.

Although much of the work to date has taken place behind the scenes, it represents meaningful progress toward a modern, reliable hospital. With core building systems now in place, the project is moving into a phase where the hospital is visibly coming together.

Significant progress has been made across the facility's essential infrastructure. Electrical systems, life-safety systems, medical gas lines, plumbing, and building controls have been installed throughout the hospital, forming the backbone required for safe healthcare operations. Elevators have been fully removed and replaced with new systems now installed at the structural level, preparing the building for patient and staff movement across all floors.

Major mechanical systems are also advancing, including installation and preparation of rooftop heating and cooling units that will support modern indoor air quality, temperature control, and energy efficiency throughout the hospital. These systems are critical to patient comfort, infection control, and long-term operational reliability.

Infrastructure to support daily hospital functions is being completed as well. This includes plumbing and support systems for the hospital cafeteria, which will provide meals for patients, staff, and visitors. The grease trap and kitchen infrastructure are essential components that allow food service operations to function safely and in compliance with health standards.

Inside the building, interior construction continues to progress steadily. Insulation, drywall, ceiling systems, and patient room headwalls are in place, allowing the layout of patient rooms, nurse stations, and clinical areas to clearly take shape. As the project moves forward, upcoming phases will include installation of casework, cabinetry, interior doors, handrails, and final finishes — the elements that transform the building into a fully functional and welcoming healthcare environment.

What GetWell Health System Brings to Charlestown

GetWell Health System operates with a community-based healthcare model that integrates inpatient hospital care with outpatient clinics and specialty services. This approach allows residents to receive care close to home while benefiting from coordinated services across multiple settings.

Through the hospital and affiliated outpatient clinics, GetWell Health System is positioned to offer inpatient medical and surgical services, emergency and urgent care access, diagnostic imaging and

laboratory services, outpatient clinics and specialty services, behavioral health and wellness services, pain management and rehabilitative care, and preventive and follow-up care designed to reduce unnecessary hospital visits.

This integrated model supports continuity of care, improves patient outcomes, and helps ensure healthcare remains accessible and responsive to community needs.

Looking Ahead

As work continues, the focus will shift to completing interior finishes, installing remaining equipment, final inspections, and operational readiness. Milestone-based updates will continue so the community can clearly see progress and understand what to expect next.

North Clark Community Hospital, in partnership with GetWell Health System, represents an important investment in local healthcare access, local jobs, and long-term stability. The progress underway reflects steady momentum toward delivering a modern hospital that the Charlestown community can rely on and be proud of.

For questions or additional information, community members are welcome to contact Leigh Bodenheimer at 859-351-4300 or by email at L.bodenheimer@mcfusa.com