



Demolition of old Shawano hospital opens doors for redevelopment

Possibilities include senior living, apartments or even a hotel

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A former Shawano hospital building will soon be demolished to make room for potentially ten acres of redevelopment, according to Megan Mulholland, a spokesperson with ThedaCare.

New development possibilities include senior living and memory care, tax credit housing, market-rate apartments, and even a hotel, Mulholland said.

As for the existing building, it served its purpose, hospitals officials said, noting that a city-led task force comprised of local citizens and business leaders met for more than six months to consider redevelopment opportunities.

"The building ... served the community for over 80 years. Now, it has become apparent that it's time to move on," said Dorothy Erdmann, CEO of ThedaCare Medical Center-Shawano.

Shawano and ThedaCare previously reviewed two separate proposals to reuse the existing facilities but ultimately decided to move forward with demolition, Mulholland said.

According to Erdmann, several developers have already demonstrated interest in the property.

Among the next steps, ThedaCare will apply for the required demolition permits at the local and state levels. That process likely will take about 45 days, and demolition would take another 45 to 60 days, with the goal of recycling 90 percent of the old building, Mulholland said.

ThedaCare already opened the old facility to charities, which took items they thought useful, including desks, chairs and file cabinets. ThedaCare will invite charities in again prior to the demolition, Mulholland added.

ThedaCare moved its Shawano operations to a new hospital, ThedaCare Medical Center-Shawano, in late September 2015.

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