

Special Hearing Announced For New Hospital District  
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Last Tuesday, Warren Memorial Hospital (WMH) Board Member Wayne Milton, Board and City Council Member Dan Drake, Friend Mayor and Board Member Jim Vossler, and WMH CEO John Wilson attended the Saline County Board of Commissioners meeting to address the Commissioners about the proposed new Hospital District for WMH.

A special meeting for the required public hearing has been set for Thursday, Feb. 28th at 9:30 a.m. to be held before the Saline County Board of Commissioners at the Saline County Court House in Wilber. This meeting, and the Public Notice, which appears in this edition of The Sentinel, serves as official notification that petitions have been submitted to the Commissioners as part of the request to create the proposed Warren Memorial Hospital District. The scheduling of this meeting will meet the deadline to have the proposed Hospital District appear on the May Primary Election Ballot.

At this Hearing on Petitions for Creation of Warren Memorial Hospital District, "proposals may be submitted for the exclusion of land from, or the inclusion of additional land in such proposed district or for modification of the boundaries of the areas into which such proposed district shall be divided for the purpose of election of members of the board of directors," explained Friend City Attorney Mike Mullally in the Public Notice.

According to the previously mentioned Public Notice, "A greater portion of the land in such proposed hospital district being located in the County of Saline, in the State of Nebraska. The territory to be included within such proposed district is legally described as follows:

REAL ESTATE LOCATED IN SALINE COUNTY,  
NEBRASKA:

Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34, all in Township 8 North, Range 2, East of the 6th P.M.

Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, and 36, all in Township 8 North, Range 1, East of the 6th P.M. Including all real property located within the corporate boundaries of the City of Friend, Saline County, Nebraska.

Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28, 33, 34, 35, and 36, all in Township 7 North, Range 1, East of the 6th P.M.

Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34, all in Township 7 North, Range 2, East of the 6th P.M.

Sections 3, 4, 5, and 6, all in Township 6 North, Range 2, East of the 6th P.M.

Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4, Township 6 North, Range 1, East of the 6th P.M., all of the above described real estate located in Saline County, Nebraska

REAL ESTATE LOCATED IN SEWARD COUNTY, NEBRASKA:

Sections 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, and 36,

including all real property located within the corporate limits of the Village of Cordova, Seward County, Nebraska, all located in Township 9 North, Range 1, East of the 6th P.M.

Sections 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34, all in Township 9 North, Range 2, East of the 6th P.M., Seward County, Nebraska”

An actual map of the proposed Hospital District appears on Page 8.

Following the public hearing on Feb. 28th, the next step will be having the proposed Hospital District question placed on May's Primary Election Ballot. If approved by a simple majority of the voters, the Saline County Board of Commissioners will appoint an Interim Hospital Board, which will serve until the November General Elections. Any resident within the Hospital District or a current WMH Board Member can run for one of the Hospital Board Member positions in the General Election scheduled for November.

To provide the necessary funding, the proposed Hospital District is needed. "Friend deserves a healthy thriving community to pass on to future generations. A vote in favor of the hospital district will contribute towards allowing WMH to continue their mission of service," explained Wilson.

If approved by the voters, the Hospital District would levy an additional tax. That tax would be \$35 per year on a \$100,000 property or home. This additional tax could increase to a maximum of \$70 per year on a \$100,000 property or home, if an override vote was successful.

Please contact either a Hospital Board Member or a member of the Friend City Council with any questions.