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BRODSTONE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL RECEIVES USDA FUNDS

Kearney, Neb., September 13—The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development recently approved close to \$5.7 million in funding for the Brodstone Memorial Hospital in Superior to improve health care services to its residents in Nuckolls County and surrounding areas.

“These are exciting times in health care. It is important that Brodstone Memorial Hospital keep abreast with the trends so as to continue to bring affordable, quality health care to the communities we serve,” stated John Keelan, CEO for Brodstone Memorial Hospital.

The Brodstone Memorial Hospital service area has been designated as medically underserved, with a shortage of medical professionals. The USDA funds will be used to purchase medical equipment, remodel 16,652 square feet of existing hospital space, and to construct a 16,455 square foot addition.

USDA Rural Development approved Community Facility Direct Loans in the amounts of \$4,277,000 and \$859,000. These loans will be repaid over 40 years at 4.5% and 5 years at 4.5%, respectively. A Community Facility Guaranteed Loan of \$500,000 was also originated by the Central National Bank in Superior. All of these loan funds, in conjunction with \$350,000 from the Brodstone Memorial Hospital, will total a project cost of approximately \$5,986,000.

Rodger Dean, president of Central National Bank stated, “The bank is very proud and excited to be a part of this worthwhile project for the advancement of health care and economic stability in Superior, Nuckolls county, and surrounding areas.” “This project will allow Brodstone Memorial Hospital to raise the level of health care and services to new heights for the people in our area.”

“The strong community support for the hospital project reflects the importance of updated health care services in Superior and surrounding areas. Brodstone Memorial Hospital is to be commended for having the vision to meet the medical needs of those they provide care for,” stated Glen Gatz, USDA Rural Development Specialist.

The USDA funds for this project were provided through the USDA Rural Development Community Facility Direct and Guaranteed Loan Programs. For additional information contact Glen G. Gatz at 4009 North 6th Avenue, P.O. Box 730, Kearney, NE 68848-0730 or phone (308) 237-3118. Visit <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ne/>.

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