

Dialysis center planned

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The Fayette County commissioners heard Tuesday that development is continuing at the Fayette County Business Park, and soon might include a dialysis center. At the commissioners' agenda meeting, Andrew French, executive director of the Fayette County Redevelopment Authority, asked the commissioners to take action on two parcels at the business park in South Union Township.

The commissioners voted to place on Thursday's agenda motions to transfer .14 acres adjacent to the park from the county to the authority and to approve the conveyance of land at the business park to Beeson Hill Properties, LLC.

Although the redevelopment authority owns the land, the commissioners must sign off on any sale because originally the property was to be used for industrial development.

French said the smaller property would be joined with the business park property for development. He said Beeson Hill Properties is purchasing 2 acres where a medical/dialysis center will be constructed. He said the site would include a 13,000-square-foot medical office.

The property will be purchased for \$200,000, or \$100,000 an acre.

French said the center would create 20 to 25 jobs.

Commissioner Vincent A. Vicites said medical offices seem to have found a niche at the park.

"We are expanding an industry that is needed locally," Vicites said.

French said a comparable building would cost \$750,000 to \$1 million to construct. He said there is more than \$50 million in private retail investment in the park already.

In addition to a Wal-Mart Super Center and various restaurants, retail shops and businesses, the business park already includes five doctor and dental offices. The authority voted to sell another parcel for a doctor's office in December, and the new development would make seven health-related offices at the site.

In other agenda items, Dominick Carnicella, human resource director of Felice Associates of Greensburg, announced that interviews would be held today and Wednesday for a veterans affairs director. He said that based on the interviews, the commissioners may be able to name a director Thursday.

In other matters, the commissioners voted to place on Thursday's agenda a motion to enter into an agreement between the county and American Images to advertise for an economic development and tourism guide. The agreement is at no cost to the county, and the county shares in the revenue that is received.

Similar agreements were reached in 2001 and 2005.

The commissioners announced there is a vacancy on the Southwestern Pennsylvania Area Agency on Aging board. Applicants must be at least 60 years old, live in Fayette County and have an interest in and or knowledge of programs and services for older adults. Anyone interested in serving should send a letter of interest to Kathy Winkler to 61 E. Main St., Uniontown, Pa. 15401 or by e-mail to kwinkler@fayettepa.org.