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Commissioners Approve Primary Care Clinic Jacob House Renovation Clinic Expected to Open by June 2017 in Idaho Springs

March 15, 2017 - **Clear Creek County Communications, Colo.** – The Clear Creek County Board of Commissioners (BoCC) unanimously approved plans yesterday for renovating a County-owned building, The Jacob House, for its temporary primary health care clinic. Estimated to be completed by June 2017, the former Idaho Springs residence would be operated by Centura Health, from a November 2016 agreement signed by the previous BoCC.

The request for bids was posted last month, and Cross Line Construction, Corp., out of Castle Rock, was chosen as the main contractor. The bid price was approximately \$150,000.00 and includes exterior and interior work, some plumbing improvements, and other work to bring the building to within ADA standards (Americans with Disabilities Act).

“This is an exciting time for Clear Creek County,” said Cindy Dicken, Clear Creek County Director of Health and Human Services. “Quality, sustainable healthcare, delivered by Centura Health, has been our goal since the last primary care clinic closed in 2011,” she added. “Our agreement with Centura will be delivered in two phases—the first phase is to establish the Centura practice in the Jacob House in order to build the patient base. The second phase will occur simultaneously as we begin a

fundraising campaign to build a collaborative care center located on the old lumberyard site.”

As one of their four main 2017 goals, the current BoCC took this next step in providing health care for County residents, with the added goal of completing a permanent collaborative care health clinic facility by the end of 2021 (on the lumberyard site). Currently, Clear Creek EMS and limited public health services are the only ‘health care’ available within County lines.

“The collaborative care center will offer our citizens the opportunity to achieve and maintain wellness by accessing physician care and behavioral health, as well as other programs and services--in one building,” she said.

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