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Initially, the project was ex-

pected to take 24 months, but

was completed in just over 17

The hospital is using the

new facilities to better handle

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ASHH Vice Chairman Dr.

Michael Pietila said the hospi-

'One of the responsibilities

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tients," Pietila said. "By adding

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An engineering test is

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the grain facility near 436th

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Bergquist and his staff, the

company recently proposed to

the County Commission that a

State Infrastructure Bank (SIB)

loan be used for the road por-

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Transportation Program (STP)

Toby Morris, who lives in

Dougherty and Company, has

been involved with various

economic development proj-

brought in by Dakota Plains to

assist it with getting the grain

facility in Yankton County off

Morris recently told the

County Commission it could

enter a separate agreement

with Dakota Plains where it

would pass the loan through

to the company, which would

then use the funds for road up-

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cated and also making food services more available, that just leads to a better experience for the patient whether they're in the hospital, whether their family members are there visiting those who are ill.'

Dr. Michael Peterson, ASHH Cancer Center chief of staff, said the enhanced experience will be a positive for patients

"Having a modern, welcoming, efficient environment in which to house key services – such as pharmacy and physical therapy, lab, etc. — is very important to the patient perception that Sacred Heart is as modern and cutting edge in our care delivery as I believe we are," Peterson said.

He added that the addition will help in his department due to vacated spaces left by other services moving to Northern Lights.

"(The addition) will help in the sense that I am incredibly dependent on modern imaging

to do the loan through the county, we can do it as a developer.'

Morris said Dakota Plains was attempting to show it would be a good partner and work for the benefit of the county

"Dakota Plains benefits because it gets over the concerns that (Moore) posed: Will this road project be done according to state specs? Well, this becomes an oversight mechanism (because we have to meet federal regulations by using STP funds)," he stated. "The other thing you don't want is for people to say, 'Did they cheat the system and go cheap on it?' No, we have the oversight because of the federal money. The whole intent was to give the county more protection, savings and incentive to see this facility is a good thing.

When it comes to ongoing maintenance costs along 435th Avenue and 306th Street, Winsand said the possibility of creating a tax-increment financing district (TIF) is being investigated.

Bergquist explained to the Press & Dakotan that the SIB has existed for roughly 20 years

"It's basically a pool of both federal and state dollars, and the intent is to be able to provide loans for any project that is eligible for normal federal funding," he said. "Over the years, it's been kind of a hitand-miss deal. It wasn't used for a while. In recent years, it's been used more frequently. Generally, the way it works is, a county or a city that is already receiving a certain share of the federal highway funds that we get would come to us and say, 'I've got a bridge or road that is eligible for federal funding, but I only get \$200,000 a year (for example). It's going to cost me \$1 million to do the

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techniques," he said. "And to be able to house new imaging modality, such as PET-CT, we have to have the room to do it. Our current radiology space is very limited compared to what other hospitals have, so by rearranging services and freeing up more space for use in diagnostic radiology, it'll allow my patients to take advantage of the latest in radiology services without having to

travel to other cities. Rezac added there will also be an increase in educational opportunities provided by the hospital as a result.

We are preparing for an increase in our medical education," Rezac said. "Student size is going to increase and we're also going to have a surgical residency program starting in 2015, and we're working toward having an internal medicine residency.'

Rezac said some space in Northern Lights will be allocated for housing residents

follow-up agreement with a project developer," he said. 'It's not that it can't work. It just really hasn't been done. It probably hasn't been the right situation.'

Morris and Winsand said Yankton County could also benefit from trading its STP funds for money up front from Dakota Plains because they would not be tied to federal regulations.

Yankton County receives approximately \$180,000 per year in federal STP funds.

The \$180,000 the county would receive every year in federal highway funds could only be used on federal aid road projects," Bergquist said. "A lot of their roads are not federal aid eligible. They are restricted that way in what they can use it for. And ... because it's federal funds, any project using that money has to go through all the federal hurdles associated with doing a federally-funded project. Those are not insubstantial. I've heard counties tell legisla tive committees in the past that it can cost them 20-30 percent more to do a project meeting all the federal aid requirements than it would if they did not have to meet them. They save in the sense that they don't have to spend the dollars to meet the federal requirements and the flexibility to use that money is greater."

Those additional regulations include things such as design standards, environmental requirements and wage requisites for contractors.

The commission believed at its meeting that it had already borrowed ahead on its STP funds and probably would not be able to get a SIB loan. However, Bergquist said there is nothing that would currently preclude Yankton County from getting such a

and helping them have a positive stay.

"I've heard in other hospitals, residents are of in some 'cold' environment," she said. We want to provide them space close to the patients, and space that's adequate and comfortable for them so they have a good experience here.

While the vast majority of Northern Lights is finished, some minor aesthetic work is still taking place, along with finishing some spaces inside.

Doug Ekeren, vice president of Professional & Regional Services, said he anticipates this work will wrap up completely in

the spring. "There's a little bit of work to be done in the chapel area, the residency space, sleep lab and bio-medical services need to be completed," Ekeren said. There's some outside work on the metal panels that need to be applied and (warmer weather) will help that im-

mensely over the next couple of

ment and the state?" Bergquist said. "We've always done these using STP funds. That's easiest. Those funds come through us and get dispersed to the counties anyway, so it's easy to withhold the payment out of those.'

Yankton County Commissioner Garry Moore told the Press & Dakotan recently that he would have serious concerns about committing future STP funds.

That STP money is pretty important to us." he said. "We can't go out and fix all of these things in one year with the \$4 million check Dakota Plains would write for us. Then we couldn't address critical needs in the future. I'm not in a position where I want to be foolish and borrow ahead. It's not good business sense.

According to South Dakota Department of Transportation spokesman Kristi Sandal, in the event of some type of emergency situation during the time a county had committed its annual STP allocation for repayment of a SIB loan, the first option that would probably be considered is to add the cost of the emergency project to the existing SIB loan balance and to extend the payments.

One other major concern Moore has expressed is his belief that a right-turn lane would be needed off of Highway 50 onto 435th Avenue, as well as major upgrades to the 435th Avenue/306th Street intersection.

Improvements to Highway 50 would be up to the state, and Bergquist said they would be driven by the traffic at that intersection and whether it is safe based on what is in place.

That's something we'll certainly be looking at if this project becomes a reality," he stated.

days, and some landscaping work that we'll defer until next spring when the weather breaks.

From here, Rezac said the next major project for the hospital will be relocating the Avera Yankton Care Center to a new \$11 million, 73-bed, six-hospice-unit facility on the Majestic Bluffs campus, with groundbreaking expected in March. Ekeren said the facility will be between 54,000 and 55,000 square feet, but some details are still being finalized. ASHH is also studying renovating hospital rooms, but no timetable for the project has been set.

A public open house to show off the newly completed Northern Lights facilities is also being planned for mid-January. Jay Gravholt, ASHH Director of Public Relations, said a date may be released later this week.

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to sit down, decide what they're going to do and come to the County Commission. We've been looking at this for two years. Should a person be angry that they keep coming back for two years without a definitive plan? At some point in time, something has got to change.

Winsand disagreed with the idea that the plan for the facility has undergone much change.

'It's always been a grain company trying to build a grain elevator at Napa junction," he said. "The underlying change every time we go there has been, who is paying for the road? That's why these last couple times, when we went to the commission we said, 'Tell us what you want us to do.' It's never been about the project, it's been about access to the project. That's them changing

Winsand said that, in his experience, it is unique for the developer to be expected to foot all the infrastructure costs

"In other elevator projects around the U.S., we had to pay for some infrastructure but not be the bearer of all the infrastructure costs," he said.

However, he said that won't stop the project from moving ahead.

"I think there is growing support (on the commission and elsewhere in the community)," Winsand stated.

County Commission Chairman Bruce Jensen said the commission has made the bottom line clear.

'We're not going to pay for the road, and they know that," he stated. "But if it doesn't cost the taxpayers money, why would you not want (this grain facility)? They're going to generate

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write the county a check for the full amount of the loan on the day it is received. The county could spend that lump sum on whatever it deemed necessary or put it in an account to earn interest. Despite giving the county the money up front for the loan, Winsand said he would even be willing to pay 1 to 2 percent interest annually during the life of the

loan. During the meeting, the commission was leery of the idea. Commissioner Mark Johnson even joked that it sounded like money laundering.

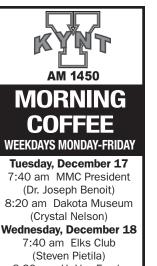
"I was trying to get the county money," Winsand stated. "But if they don't want



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When it comes to considering any approval of the Dakota Plains facility, Moore said he needs to see a final plan.

"These are some people that have the cart before the horse," he stated. "They need

taxes.

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