



## OFFICIALS TURN DIRT AT HEALTH FACILITY CEREMONY

Officials from the Lake County Board of County Commissioners, Lake County Health Department and City of Umatilla broke ground on May 7 for a new health facility.

The Umatilla health facility, located at 249 E. Collins St., was closed in 2004 due to indoor air quality issues. The \$4.4 million project includes a complete overhaul of the existing 4,600-square-foot structure and adding 11,000 square feet of space.



When completed in about one year, the facility will enable the Lake County Health Department to offer clinical services to the surrounding community, including family health, maternity, immunizations and specialty clinics. Added features to the new facility include exam rooms, nursing workstations, storage rooms, a laboratory and a larger parking lot.

Speaking at the ceremony were Lake County Commission Chairman Welton Cadwell, Pam Steinke, Administrator of the Lake County Health Department, Bonita J. Sorensen, Deputy State Health Officer of the Florida Department of Health and Umatilla Mayor Benita R. Martin.

The new facility was designed by the Orlando office of Harvard Jolly architects, and the construction manager for the project is R.D. Michaels Inc. of Maitland.

*\* For more pictures from the Umatilla health facility groundbreaking please see reverse side*

## COUNTY SEEKS CONSTRUCTION MANAGER FOR GOVERNMENT COMPLEX

Lake County's plans to proceed with a multimillion-dollar expansion of government facilities in downtown Tavares recently hit an unexpected bump in the road.

In February, Balfour Beatty, an international engineering and construction group from England, acquired the County's selected construction management company. This new development left County officials in an unusual predicament. The England-based company had also previously acquired the architecture firm that was working on the County's projects, therefore creating a conflict of interest.

While the selected construction manager offered several scenarios to remedy the issue, County officials had concerns

about the length of time it would take to recreate the contracts and get a third party as an overseer of the project, which was also not a condition of the original contracts.

The Board of County Commissioners approved at its May 15 meeting, a new request-for-proposal (RFP) to find a separate construction manager and to terminate the current contract. The deadline to respond is 3 p.m. on June 13. For more information, contact the Office of Procurement Services, Donna Thielhart, Senior Contracting Officer, at (352) 343-9525.

## HEALTH FACILITY PHOTOS (CONTINUED)



**Top:** County Commission Chairman Welton Cadwell greets a crowd for the groundbreaking ceremony for the renovation and expansion of the Health Department facility in Umatilla.

**Bottom left:** Umatilla Mayor Benita Martin discuss the value of a new health facility in her municipality.

**Bottom right:** Bonita Sorensen, Deputy State Health Officer for the State of Florida, talks about the importance of an increased Health Department presence in Umatilla.



The Public Defender's Office moved into its new digs at 123 N. Sinclair Ave. Remodeling of this facility included taking large open spaces and creating additional offices. By not bidding for an outside contractor, the project saved taxpayers approximately \$250,000. Construction will now proceed on the fourth floor of the Lake County Judicial Center to remodel the former Public Defender's Office into spaces for additional court administration.

## ROLL CALL

There are more than a dozen different projects underway for the Lake County Department of Facilities Development and Management. Here are a few developments:

### 1 Lake Jem Fire Station

Contract for general contractor to be presented to County Commission next month. Recommended contractor is Aagaard McNeery Construction Inc. of Orlando.

### 2 Cagan Crossings Community Library

Shell of structure is nearly complete; contractor is on schedule

### 3 Parking garage

Demolition is expected by the end of 2007 for new construction

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