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Construction begins on new health and wellness complex in Brunswick County

ST. JAMES—Construction is underway for a two-story, 26,000-square-foot medical complex near the west entrance to St. James Plantation, called Doshier Wellness Center. It will be operated by Doshier Memorial Hospital. St. James and Summit Healthcare Group, a private developer, have formed a partnership to finance and construct the building shell at a cost of \$6-million.

After that phase of construction is completed, Doshier will invest another \$1.9-million to equip the facility for the specific health and wellness services offered.

Outpatient services planned on the first floor include physician offices for primary care, cardiology and rotating specialists, cardiac rehabilitation, physical therapy, x-ray, a laboratory draw station, indoor walking track for patients, and other services. The second floor will be available for expansion.

Construction is expected to conclude in the spring, with an opening planned for May 2016. By comparison, this facility will be more than twice the size of the Doshier Medical Plaza on Long Beach Road, Oak Island.

"The Doshier Wellness Center will be our twelfth outpatient clinic in south Brunswick County," Tom Siemers, Doshier president and CEO, said. "Our nine primary care and two specialty clinics from Holden Beach to Bald Head Island are popular with patients, and we expect this one—our largest to date—will be as well."

"We're excited that Doshier Memorial has selected to locate this facility right outside the gates of St. James Plantation," Bobby Masters, general manager of the 6,000-acre golf and marina community, said. "It's going to be a great benefit for our current residents and also will make us even more attractive to prospective buyers."

Doshier says the facility will be a great asset to all communities served, including Southport, Oak Island, Boiling Spring Lakes, Supply, Bolivia, and others.

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Dosher and St. James have discussed the possibility of a clinic at the community for several years, officials said.

“The feasibility of a Dosher clinic at this location grew into reality because of two factors: Continued growth along the Highway 211 corridor and completion of the new bridge over the Intracoastal Waterway to Oak Island,” Siemers said.

Siemers saluted Dan Porter, Dosher vice president and chief financial officer, for bringing the project to development. “From the contractors, to architects, to lawyers, to developers and a host of others, Dan Porter has expertly shepherded this project from the planning stages to today,” Siemers said. “He and the Dosher team have put an enormous amount of time and effort into the project. We’ll count on his vision to see it through to completion next spring.”

“On behalf of the Dosher team members who worked so hard on this project to date, we are delighted to see the project underway and look forward to its completion,” Porter said.

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Carol Northup, RN, VP, Patient Care Services and Tom Siemers, president & CEO (right) congratulate Dan Porter, VP, CFO on the start of the Dosher Wellness Center.