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TAZEWELL COUNTY PURCHASES BUILDING TO EXPAND SERVICES.

Tazewell County Board has reached an agreement with Carle Health to purchase 1800 Broadway St., Pekin for Tazewell County Health Department (TCHD) services. This expansion of services is made possible through American Rescue Plan Act dollars allocated to Tazewell County.

Tazewell County Board Chairman, David Zimmerman stated, "I am excited for the opportunity to partner with Carle Health to bring the Health Department services closer to the citizens of Tazewell County."

The Health Department will move clinic and WIC services to 1800 Broadway St. This location will also offer dental services. Carle Health is exploring opportunities to bring additional services to the building. It is difficult to obtain dental services for those who are uninsured or who use state-sponsored insurance. "We are happy to bring dental services back to Tazewell County," stated Amy Fox, TCHD Administrator. "The [2022 Community Health Needs Assessment](#) revealed that 19% of Tri-County residents do not have access to dental care. We thank the County Board for recognizing these needs and assisting the Health Department with meeting our community's needs." Additional TCHD services will remain in the current facility located on Route 9 near Tremont.

"Carle Health is committed to being a community partner as we work to improve the health and wellbeing of our neighbors in Tazewell County," said Michael Unes, vice president of Business Development and Community Relations. "The opportunity to work alongside the Tazewell County Health Department to increase access to a variety of healthcare services for community members in a much needed area, will bring more care options and support for families across the community. Carle Health is proud to be a part of the continued growth of innovative healthcare services throughout Tazewell County."

Moving the Health Department clinic and WIC services into Pekin places TCHD in the center of its service population, approximately 50% of Tazewell WIC clients reside in Pekin. “We hope this new location will decrease barriers and allow our services to be accessed more freely,” said Fox, “helping us to achieve our mission to protect & promote the public’s health and well-being.”

Renovations will be required before services are offered at 1800 Broadway St., Pekin. A timeline for renovation has not yet been determined.

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