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McCall hospital plans to join St. Luke's system

Trustees of a public hospital in McCall have approved a tentative agreement for the hospital to become part of St. Luke's Health System in Boise. The move by McCall Memorial Hospital is aimed at improving the hospital's finances and its ability to compete for physicians and staff.

It would be renamed St. Luke's McCall, The Star-News reports. A nonbinding advisory vote will be taken Aug. 3 within the hospital's taxing district, which extends from McCall to Donnelly. Spokesmen for both McCall and St. Luke's hope there will be no roadblocks to completing a formal agreement as early as Oct. 1. The two organizations have been negotiating for more than a year.

St. Luke's operations include hospitals in Boise, Meridian, Twin Falls and Ketchum. It is the largest nongovernment employer based in Idaho, with about 7,500 employees.