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Gooding hospital wants to stop collecting taxpayer money

GOODING — North Canyon Medical Center in Gooding wants to dissolve a taxpayer-supported hospital district and become its own nonprofit organization.

The hospital filed a L-2 budget request recently with Gooding County, meaning it wants to eliminate tax revenue from its operating budget for next fiscal year, it announced Thursday.

Dissolving the hospital district, which was created in 1986, would require community support via a petition and approval by Gooding County Commissioners.

Negotiations are in the early stages.

The district has collected about \$800,000 each year in tax revenue.

North Canyon Medical Center has operated for nearly a decade and took over Gooding County Memorial Hospital. A new hospital opened in 2010 and a medical plaza opened in 2016.

The hospital wrote in a statement: “With its continued success and growth, NCMC is in a position to operate without tax dollars, creating the opportunity for the hospital to function as a stand-alone, non-profit organization.”

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