

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
STATE HEALTH FACILITIES COUNCIL

IN THE MATTER OF THE)
CERTIFICATE OF NEED EXTENSION FOR)
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AMES SURGERY CENTER)
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AMES, IOWA)

DECISION

This matter came before the State Health Facilities Council on Tuesday, April 18, 2023. The applicant was represented by Katie Cownie, Dorsey & Whitney, LLP and Gary Botine, Mary Greeley Medical Center.

The project, the establishment of an ambulatory surgery center, was originally approved May 18, 2022, at an estimated cost of \$12,623,456. The original completion date for the project was June 1, 2024; the new completion date is August 1, 2024. Ames Surgery Center signed construction contracts in January 2023 and the development agreement with the City of Ames was signed in March 2023. The Surgery Center site permits have been signed, which will allow construction to begin. Noted during testimony was that operating agreements have been developed and the land purchased. The grading of the land has begun and is substantially complete. The Surgery Center anticipates the building footings to be poured on or around May 1, 2023. Also noted was that obtaining electrical gear has been delayed, thus causing the delay in project completion. To date \$2,017,749 has been spent on the project.

The Council, after reading the extension request and hearing comments by staff and the applicant, voted 5-0 to Grant an Extension of Certificate of Need per 641 Iowa Administrative Code 202.13. The decision is based upon a finding that progress has been made on the project.

The extension is valid for 12 months.

Dated this ____ day of April 2023

H.W. Miller, M.D., Chair
State Health Facilities Council
Iowa Department of Health and Human Services

cc: Health Facilities Council
Department of Inspections & Appeals, Health Facilities Division