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Agreement provides opportunities for long-term expansion of Raleigh County Campus

NEW RIVER CTC BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVES AGREEMENT WITH HIGHER EDUCATION FOUNDATION BOARD
The board of governors of New River Community and Technical College has approved an agreement with the Higher Education Foundation Board, owners of the Public Higher Education Center property site located off Interstate 64 at Airport Road in Beaver, WV.

Leslie Baker, chair of the New River board of governors, said “The agreement provides New River Community and Technical College immediate and long-term expansion opportunities for its Raleigh County Campus.”

According to Dr. Ted Spring, president of the college, “Specific details of the agreement remain to be worked out between the college and the foundation; however, the agreement clears the way for New River to plan its initial building on the property to house the central administration and instructional programs.”

New River will have immediate access to two building sites at the south end adjacent to the Erma Byrd Center building and two additional building sites located at the north end of the property.

A site plan for the entire project, which will amend the 10-Year Facilities Master Plan for New River, was created cooperatively between the college, the Higher Education Policy Commission, and the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education (WVCTCS) and approved by New River's board of governors.

The amended 10-Year Facilities Master plan must now receive final approval by the WVCTCS Council.
Plans are already underway to move forward with the architectural planning, and we hope that construction will begin shortly after the design plan for the building is approved by the New River board of governors and the West Virginia Community and Technical College Council.” Spring said. “The college will continue to be a partner in the Erma Byrd Center (the building on the site that currently is used by several colleges) because the initial building being planned will not accommodate the increased enrollment and will not address fully the need for instructional and program service space.”

When the Raleigh County Campus is completed, New River anticipates four structures to house the administration headquarters for the college, allied health programs, a general education building and a student resource center.

New River Community and Technical College serves Fayette, Greenbrier, Mercer, Monroe, Nicholas, Pocahontas, Raleigh, Summers and Webster Counties in southeastern West Virginia. Campuses are located in Beaver, Beckley, Lewisburg, Princeton and Summersville. Administrative offices are in Beckley.