



The Johnson County Board of County Commissioners held several discussions at its meetings this fall about the future of Evergreen Community. Thank you for all of the support you showed. We truly appreciate the time and stories all of you shared.

Evergreen Community and the Johnson County Government have five years left of a 20-year contract which includes the county providing space for the community and an annual \$800,000 subsidy. This fall, after years of discussions with ECOJC, county staff came to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) with a proposed early termination agreement. It included \$29 million of Countywide Support Funds (a designated account in the county reserves), including \$4 million to buy out the remaining five years of the contract and \$25 million to support ECOJC's plans to construct a new community.

Evergreen was designed with semi-private rooms, including 112 beds, with most clients on Medicaid. This model no longer meets the needs of the market. In addition, due to its deteriorating condition, county staff have recommended demolishing the Health and Human Services Center. The complex discussions included public comments from Evergreen employees and family members, as well as representatives from other long-term care communities with offers to assist.

On October 6, the BOCC voted unanimously to table consideration of the Early Termination Agreement and directed staff to implement a process to receive and evaluate viable proposals for Evergreen's future for the board's consideration. County staff developed a Request for Proposal for long-term skilled nursing care in the county.

The purpose of this RFP is to provide an opportunity for experienced and successful senior living owners/operators to propose potential solutions, in partnership with Evergreen, that meet Johnson County's desire to transition out of subsidizing the current Evergreen Living operations, while assuming the primary mission of providing the best quality person-centered care to individuals regardless of payment source.

Evergreen staff developed a very competitive proposal, along with other community partners, to enhance the quality of life and serve a large number of residents in need. The proposal seeks to continue the mission of Evergreen and expand services. The Evergreen team is deeply committed to providing the highest quality care for the residents we serve. We are excited about the opportunity to work with Johnson County to build a bright future on a new campus that meets the needs of the aging population.

The BOCC does not have a date at this time for the vote. We will update you when we know more information.