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City of Winnebago and United Hospital District Announce Clinic Building Sale

Winnebago/Blue Earth, MN – September 14, 2022 – The City of Winnebago and United Hospital District Inc. (UHD) announce the sale of the Winnebago Clinic Building to the City of Winnebago. Terms of the agreement were completed September 13, 2022. The Winnebago Clinic facility had closed in March of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to UHD CEO Rick Ash, UHD had determined that continued use of the building was not feasible, therefore the best option was to find a way to keep its use local. “After the difficult discussions to not operate the clinic, one of UHD’s primary goals was to work with the Winnebago community to find a way that is meaningful to the community. We’re pleased that our agreement with the city of Winnebago achieves this goal. We believe this agreement supports the community’s healthcare by working with the city in our efforts to keep as much healthcare access in the area. By transferring the building to the city, it provides a wider platform of collaboration with the city, healthcare providers and UHD for healthcare services in our region. It is also an important step in maintaining our financial health as we journey through these extraordinary times of COVID-19, and the changing healthcare environment that we must navigate in order to keep as much healthcare in our region as possible.”

Scott Robertson, Mayor, City of Winnebago, Angie Steir, Economic and Business Development Specialist, Judi Hynes, City Administrator, along with the Winnebago Healthcare Professional Services Task Force, have been working on options to sustain healthcare in Winnebago. Mayor Robertson states, “I am very appreciative that UHD made this opportunity available. The City of Winnebago is determined to bring needed services back to the community. We are looking forward to working with UHD in the future as we navigate these difficult times in the healthcare industry.”

UHD, located in Faribault County, MN, is a system of care comprised of a 25-bed acute care hospital, comprehensive outpatient services, ambulance service and home health/hospice care all supported by a 20-plus multi-specialty provider group is committed to keeping health care services within our region and working with our communities to find viable ways to do so.

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