

I attended the Valley County Health System Forum here in North Loup the other night and I'm glad that I did. It was an excellent opportunity to get our questions answered. I would like to thank Mr. Schrage for his very thorough presentation.

I have worked in the medical field so I can appreciate how the technology is constantly changing. The standards and quality assurance mandated by our federal government changes every year. I'm glad that the board of directors and administration want to keep pace and make our facility better. We cannot afford to neglect these advancements if we want to remain viable.

Someone asked why they should vote yes for a new hospital. I would encourage anyone that has a doubt to think about what they want for the future of this area. Providers, nurses and employees will come and go but a facility that keeps standards high and equipment updated will remain for a long time. To do this in a financially responsible way enhances our security for the future. Not many people will want to live in an area where they cannot access quality medical care close by. Even if it were to cost us something, we need to have a facility to take care of our medical needs now and in the future.

Keep asking questions, talk to others, and get rid of the suspicion. Let's keep working for the best opportunity for health services in this area. Vote for our future.

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