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Jeff Seraphine, president of Duke LifePoint Healthcare, introduces Chad Brown as the new CEO of Person Memorial Hospital.

'Historic day for the community of Roxboro'

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Representatives of Duke LifePoint Healthcare and Person Memorial Hospital (PMH) gathered with community members Wednesday evening to celebrate Duke LifePoint's acquisition of PMH, which was finalized Friday.

"This is a historic day for Duke LifePoint, and I trust a historic day for the community of Roxboro," said President of the Delta Division of LifePoint Hospitals Jeff Seraphine during Wednesday's gathering in the PMH cafeteria.

Duke LifePoint Healthcare is a joint venture of Duke University Health System and LifePoint Hospitals.

PMH Board of Trustees Chair-

man Robby Jones reminded attendees of his announcement of the board's decision on the trans-



PMH CEO Chad Brown

action a few months ago, when he told them that it was a great day. He said Wednesday "today is an even greater day," because the acquisition had been finalized.

Jones said the board chose Duke LifePoint because it believed the organization was committed to the principals the hospital had held for years. He added that Duke LifePoint brings invaluable resources and shares the board's vision of quality healthcare close to home.

The hospital's new CEO Chad Brown, who will begin his duties Oct. 17, was introduced as well. He told attendees he was excited to help lead the new venture and take the hospital "to the next level," making it something the community could be "even more proud of."

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Deed: Purchase price for PMH was \$18 million

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According to deed information filed Monday in the Person County Register of Deeds Office, Person Memorial Hospital (PMH) was purchased by Duke LifePoint Healthcare for \$18 million.

Officials with Duke LifePoint Healthcare, a joint venture of the Duke University Health System and LifePoint Hospitals, had earlier declined to discuss purchase details of the transaction.

Duke LifePoint officials did say earlier, however, that under the terms of the purchase agreement, Duke LifePoint ac-

quired PMH and committed to investing \$15 million in capital improvements at the hospital over the next 10 years. A minimum of \$6 million will reportedly be spent within the first five years of ownership.

Proceeds from the transaction will reportedly eliminate PMH's debt. Remaining proceeds will be used to create the Person Memorial Foundation, a charitable foundation that will support "crucial community needs," according to a news release issued Monday.

According to the records filed in the register of deeds office Monday, the grantee for the special warranty deed is DLP

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CITY ELECTION SET TUESDAY

Today is final day to cast early ballots in municipal contests

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Today marks the final opportunity for registered voters in the City of Roxboro to cast early ballots in the municipal election, which will be held Tuesday, Oct.

11. The board of elections office at 331 S. Morgan St. will be open today from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. to allow city residents to cast ballots prior to Tuesday's municipal election.

As of 2:45 p.m. Friday, Person County Elections Director Bren-

da Whitlow said that 293 city residents had taken advantage of the early voting process. That mark well exceeds the 2009 early voting mark of 216 early ballots cast.

Voting for the municipal election will be held at Roxboro City

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North Elementary School students, left to right, Jaycee Overall, Daniel Thorpe and Danaisa Torain enjoy breakfast in their classroom.

PCS grant allows North students to participate in universal breakfast

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This year all students at North Elementary School are being given the same opportunity to start the day with breakfast, with the help of a grant Person County

Schools (PCS) received to fund a universal breakfast opportunity.

PCS Child Nutrition Director Lyn Holt said the school system was made aware of the grant around late spring. In applying, the decision was made to focus on North Elementary, as the school has 90 percent of its students

qualifying for free and reduced lunch, the highest percentage of any school in the system.

The universal breakfast program was implemented at North at the beginning of the current school year, with breakfast being

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BOE to discuss commissioners' request for Helena property

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The Person County Board of Education will consider a few property matters at its regular

meeting to be held Thursday, Oct. 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the board of education board room, located on the ground floor of the Person County Office Building at 304 S. Morgan St. in Roxboro.

Board chairman Gordon Pow-

ell will present on update on the request from the Person Board of County Commissioners regarding the old Helena School property.

The commissioners passed a formal resolution at their Mon-

day meeting requesting the board of education transfer the property to Person County.

The resolution includes possible uses for the property, "including but not limited to:" an extension of the Piedmont Community

College campus; an incubator for new businesses; a site for public recreation activities; a community meeting and activity center; and a job skills training center.

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