

BRYAN COUNTY DELEGATION VISITS CAPITAL, LEARNS OF PLANS FOR PEMBROKE CLINIC

RICHMOND HILL, GA – March 20, 2018 – Bryan County leaders recently returned from a productive visit to the capital in Atlanta, where they met with Coastal Georgia area lawmakers to discuss funding and progress on a number of projects. Bryan County Administrator Ben Taylor, Commission Chairman Carter Infinger, and Commissioners Brad Brookshire and Noah Covington spent time with Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle, and Reps. Ron Stephens and Jesse Petrea, among other legislators. They touched on a variety of issues facing the county, including necessary transportation projects and funding for the Richmond Hill Library. The Bryan County delegation also received a bit of good news during their trip.

It seems North Bryan County residents will soon have a new, convenient option when it comes to their healthcare needs. Bryan County received word that a new primary care center will be built in Pembroke.

Reps. Stephens and Petrea succeeded in securing a sufficient amount of seed money from the State of Georgia for the clinic, and the federal government will contribute the remaining funds to ensure completion of the project.

The money was awarded as part of a grant program that strives improve access to health care for Georgians in rural and underserved areas and to reduce health-status disparities. The facility's cost, size, services offered, and hours have not yet been determined, as the announcement was just made. However, construction on Pembroke's primary care center should start this year, according to Bryan County Commission Chairman Carter Infinger.

"The addition of a primary care center in Pembroke is a wonderful asset for our North Bryan County residents. This facility will provide greater access to care for our community and should minimize the need for many citizens to travel outside the area to access the care they deserve," Infinger said. "It's all about improving the health and wellness of our community."

More information about plans for the primary care center, including its location, will be released in the coming months, as details are made available.

For more information on Bryan County, please visit <u>www.bryancountyga.org</u> or call 912-653-5252 or 912-756-3177.

-ENDS-

For media inquiries, please contact Hollie Barnidge at hollie@lesleyfrancispr.com or 912-272-8651, Lesley Francis at lesley@francis.com or 912-429-3950 or the team at 912-417-LFPR (5377).