

## Spotlight on Commercial Contractors of Southwestern Illinois

### Korte & Luitjohan completes work at Clinton County Rural Health

Korte & Luitjohan Contractors, Inc. was hired to oversee a two-phase renovation and addition at Clinton County Rural Health, on the campus of St. Joseph's Hospital in Breese, Ill.

John Whitworth, K & L vice president, said coordinating the phases was critical. "Phase one was constructing a 12,000

SF new addition that was attached to an exterior wall of the existing clinic. We worked closely with operations and facilities in developing the infection control risk assessments (ICRA) and procedures to ensure patient care was not impacted."

Whitworth described phase two. "After completing the new construction, we allowed the owner two weeks to relocate to the addition. Then remodeling began on the 11,500-square-foot original section, including the removal of walls, relocation of plumbing, and construction of exam rooms, nurses' stations and offices. Extensive coordination was required again to not interrupt the mechanical, electrical, fire protection, and data service during the remodel."

There was also extensive site work including paving, storm water management, lighting, and landscaping.

In response to COVID-19, K&L



The newly renovated Clinton County Rural Health in Breese.

worked with St. Joseph's infectious control team to develop a work plan featuring additional sanitation practices and guidelines to report COVID-19 exposures. K & L followed all state and local health recommendations and completed the project with minimal interruptions.

The expansion was completed in November 2020, and renovations in April 2021.

"We have 15 years of experience in remodeling emergency rooms, patient care wings, dentists' offices, and other medical buildings, in many cases where day-to-day operations need to continue," Whitworth explained. "Additionally, our carpenters attend ICRA training. We have the knowledge necessary to complete work for medical facilities in a timely manner, with minimal disruption to patient care, while maintaining a safe and healthy environment."



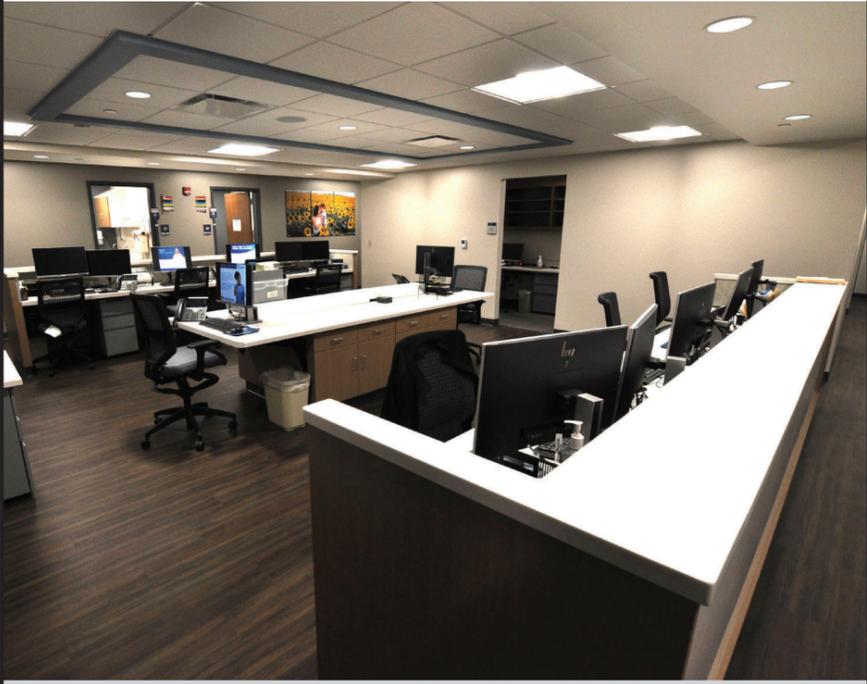
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### Poettker Construction nears end of Freeburg High School project

Poettker Construction has a long history of partnering with K-12 schools and districts to bring their campus development initiatives to the next level. These collaborative relationships are founded on mutual respect, professionalism, integrity, safety, quality and dedication to the client's needs and goals. Poettker says its reputation of providing superb customer-focused services has provided the tools to grow primarily through repeat clients and referrals.

A true testament to Poettker's long-standing relationships and quality work is its partnership with Freeburg Community High School District No. 77. In the late 1990s, Poettker built a school

wing for the district that was designed with the intent for a future second story addition. Today, Poettker Construction is serving as the construction manager for that 2nd story addition, with renovations to the 1st floor for the high school.

Due to enrollment growth and infrastructure concerns, Freeburg High School identified a need for additional laboratory and classroom space. The district elected to expand vertically and returned to Poettker as their trusted contractor to ensure a successful project. The campus improvement project entails a new 18,500-square-foot second story, a new hydraulic elevator, and complete interior renovations to the walls, flooring, ceilings, finishes,

electrical, plumbing and fire protection.

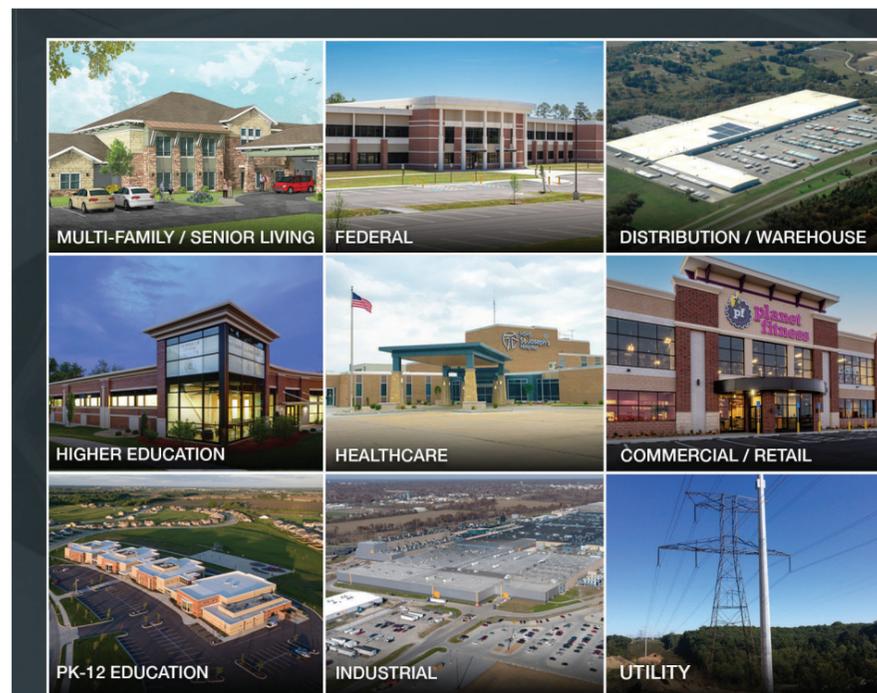
"The Freeburg High School Improvement project required proactive preconstruction planning, detailed constructability reviews, and discussions about master planning for the campus to ensure this addition supports the district's overall growth, program strategy and community needs for years to come," said Ryan Poettker, president of Poettker Construction.

Poettker's construction management team engaged in early preconstruction planning to work through not only means and methods of constructing the second story addition above the existing classroom wing, but also engaged its Corporate Compliance Team to ensure

constructability details such as first floor structural bracing enhancements were critically examined, discussed, and vetted with the architectural and engineering team prior to implementation.

Like most school districts, scheduling and cost constraints are critical. With the district having flexibility of remote learning, the team implemented a plan to get started early to ensure the district would be ready to safely return kids back to school on the first floor in the fall, on schedule.

Construction and renovations are anticipated to wrap up in fall 2021, with students using the entire facility beginning in January 2022.





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