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REMINDER: Monday (August 12) – Nexus Center groundbreaking

August 8, 2024 – Flagler County will break ground at 10 a.m. Monday (August 12) for its for its "Nexus Center" – a multi-purpose facility to house both a new library and the county's Health and Human Services Department off Central Commerce Parkway (near Wendy's) across from the Flagler County Sheriff's Operations Center.

The nearly 5-acre site for the center was purchased in 2020. The 23,000 square foot building was proposed by Assistant County Administrator Holly Albanese in 2022 as a "joint facility" that would also accommodate the Health and Human Services Department – and services like congregate meals for seniors and community rooms – was made possible through the many-year effort to build new branch library.

Passport revenues generated by the Flagler County Public Library – more than $1 million – were used to both purchase the property on which the Nexus Center will sit as well as pay for the architectural design.

Albanese secured a $500,000 Public Library State Construction Grant in 2023 for the building. She also garnered another $4 million in February (2024) as part of a total $223 million to expand broadband internet access to all Floridians with $86 million of those funds for the Multipurpose Community Facilities Program.

Another $800,000 was made available through the Florida Division of Emergency Management Disaster Recovery Program to cover costs for "Code Plus" design and construction elements. Additionally, $750,000 was provided from the Library Impact Fees that the county now generates.

Flagler County has another $9.1 million earmarked for this project.

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