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## **Monsour Medical Center Demolition Groundbreaking Ceremony**

*Ceremony held Thursday Oct. 1 at 10 a.m. on site*

**JEANNETTE, Pa.**, October 1, 2015 – The Board of Directors for the Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corporation (WCIDC), in partnership with the Westmoreland County Land Bank held a groundbreaking ceremony for the demolition of the former Monsour Medical Center Thursday, October 1, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. The event took place on the parking lot adjacent to the property at the corner of Pennsylvania Ave. and US Rt. 30.

“It is a great day for the City of Jeannette and the County of Westmoreland as we kick-off a very exciting redevelopment project long in the making,” said Charles Anderson, County Commissioner and Chairman of the Board. “This is a very positive project for the County and all the organizations who came together to make this possible.”

This is the first part of a two-phase project. Phase I will begin in October 2015 with work anticipated to be completed within six months. This first phase will consist of environmental remediation and demolition of the remaining structure. The second phase, which is expected to proceed immediately following the completion of phase I, will include site preparation, utility extensions, and storm water improvements.

“This project exemplifies all the great people and organizations who came together and collaborated to get this done,” said Tyler Courtney, County Commissioner. “We are all very excited to see that tower come down. This demolition project is long overdue.

Dore & Associates, the project contractor, specializes in demolition, abatement, and remediation of former commercial/industrial properties and has completed over 50,000 projects since its beginnings in 1958. One of those projects was the recently completed razing of the former Jeannette Hospital on Jefferson Avenue.

“The significance of this project cannot be overstated as this was the first impression of our county for out-of-towners for way too long,” said Ted Kopas, County Commissioner. “After all the hurdles we had to

overcome by working through the multiple liens on the property, writing and receiving numerous grants, and the cooperation of all the organizations that came together to make this great day possible..”

Funding for this contract will be provided by a Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Redevelopment Assistance Capital Project grant in the amount of \$591,800 and a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$500,000.

The Monsour Medical Center closed in 2006 after failing to renew its medical license. Since then, the property has rapidly deteriorated while being a haven for vandals and arsonists.

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