

July 1, 2009

Amy Griffey
Northwest Kansas Planning & Development Commission
113 N Norton, Ste C
Norton, Kansas 67654

RE: Rawlins County Health Center, CDBG-R Application – Request for Project Review

Dear Ms. Griffey,

The Kansas Geological Survey (KGS) has received your letter dated June 15, 2009, requesting environmental review comments for the above referenced project. The proposed project includes the demolition of 1,466 ft² of existing entrance and patient admittance space and the construction of 3,650 ft² of a new entrance space to resolve Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and health information privacy (HIPAA) deficiencies at the hospital facility located at 707 Grant Street, Atwood KS.

A review of regional geologic information and project information provided with the request indicates that there are no unduly adverse geologic conditions that should affect this project. Site-specific conditions may need to be considered prior to commencement of the project. A completed Environmental Assessment Review form is enclosed.

This assessment was based on regional geologic and project information available to the KGS at the time of the review and should not be used for a detailed site characterization. Other geologic conditions, not discussed herein, or for which the KGS has no knowledge, may affect the feasibility of this project. It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide any necessary site characterizations, geotechnical or environmental testing, or design by a licensed professional geologist or engineer to complete the project.

If you have questions please do not hesitate to contact me at my office (785-864-2179).

Sincerely,



Jon J. Smith

Encl

Cc: Dan Suchy, KGS Data Resources Library

Date
NORTHWEST KANSAS PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT REVIEW

REQUEST FOR ACTION ON GRANT REVIEW

DATE: June 15, 2009

Agency Name:

Kansas Geological Survey

Impact Categories:

Unique Natural Features and Agricultural Lands

Applicant's Name and Address:

Rawlins County
607 Main C
Atwood KS 67730

Project Title:

Rawlins County Health Center

Project Number:

UNKNOWN - CDBG-R APPLICANT

Return No Later Than:

As Soon As Possible

Return To:

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Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission have submitted the enclosed proposal for an Environmental Assessment Review. Your review of this proposal as it affects regional or local interest will be appreciated. Your appropriate comments concerning the proposal should be submitted to Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission no later than the date specified above.

Comments filed on a proposal may include: (1) The extent to which the project is consistent with or contributes to the fulfillment of your agency planning within the state, region or locality; (2) How the proposal relates to state, regional or local objectives; and (3) The effect of the proposal on your agency's activities.

☒ No Impact Anticipated

☐ Potentially Beneficial

☐ Potentially Adverse—
Requires Documentation Only

☐ Requires Project Modification

☐ Potentially Adverse—
Requires More Study

☐ Needs Mitigation

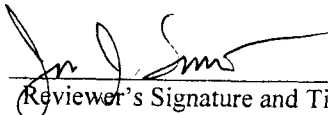
COMMENTS:

See cover letter

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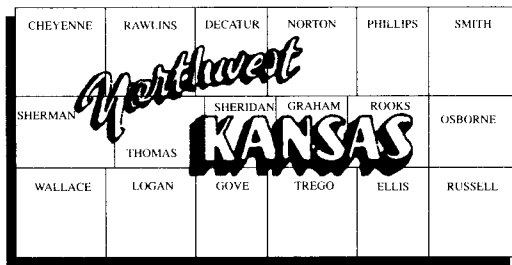
REQUIRES 2ND TIER ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF INDIVIDUAL REHABILITATION SITE

Additional information required to complete 2nd tier environmental assessment:

 Geologist
Reviewer's Signature and Title

Jon J. Smith
Printed Name

7/1/09
Date



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KANSAS GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
1930 CONSTANT AVE
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June 15, 2009

RE: Rawlins County Health Center, CDBG-R Application – request for project review

To whom it may concern:

Rawlins County is making application for funding from the Ks. Dept. of Commerce for Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Recovery Act funds to assist the community with a renovation project at the Rawlins County Health Center. The proposed project will include the demolition of 1,466 S.f. of existing entrance and patient admitting space and, to resolve ADA and health information privacy (HIPAA) deficiencies, the construction of 3,650 s.f. new entrance space including canopy at the hospital facility located at 707 Grant Street, Atwood, KS [diagram of existing facility, diagram of proposed changes, and map attached]. No part of the project is in a designated Floodplain. The estimated total project cost is \$501,905 with the grant request for \$400,000 of the project cost.

If funded, project activity will be completed within 24 months of grant award, estimated July 24, 2009. Northwest Kansas Planning & Development Commission, Hill City, Kansas, will provide certified CDBG administration services.

Our office is conducting an environmental assessment to identify the significance of potential impacts the proposed project may cause. We request that your office review the above described scope of work and attachments, then advise our office regarding the potential environmental impact of such activity. Enclosed you will find an Environmental Assessment Review Form(s) indicating the impact category(ies) you are asked to consider and for convenience in issuing your response. Please know that a specific response pertaining to each impact category is required to meet CDBG and HUD guidelines. On the review form, you will find a box to be checked if your agency requires additional information on individual properties to be rehabilitated or demolished, once the benefiting properties are confirmed. If such “2nd tier” environmental review is required, please be sure to clearly indicate what type of additional information your agency will require to assist you in the environmental review process.

Please know the proposed project cannot proceed until a review form is received from your office - regardless of your response! Our office must have documentation from your office in the Environmental Review Record - whether it is in the form of a letter or on the attached review form AND regardless of whether or not your office feels the proposed project will have an impact on the human and natural environment.

Due to the nature of the Recovery Act funding and its requirement for an expeditious environmental review, our office sincerely requests your immediate consideration of this request. I thank you in advance for your timely response to this request. If possible, please fax your response to (785) 421-3496 and follow-up by mailing the original forms to my attention. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

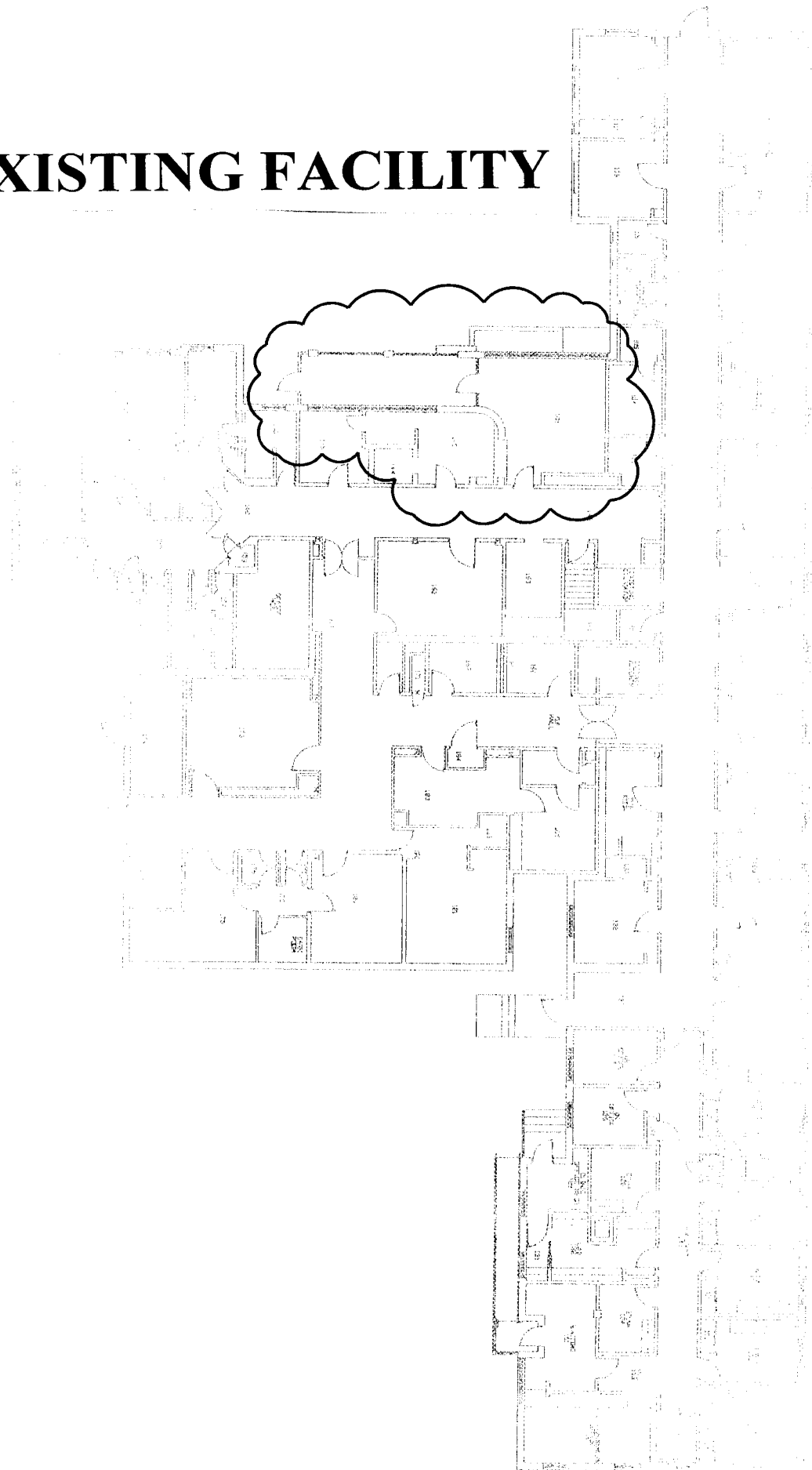
A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Amy Griffey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "A" and a prominent "G".

Amy Griffey
NW KS Planning & Development Commission
Economic Development Coordinator

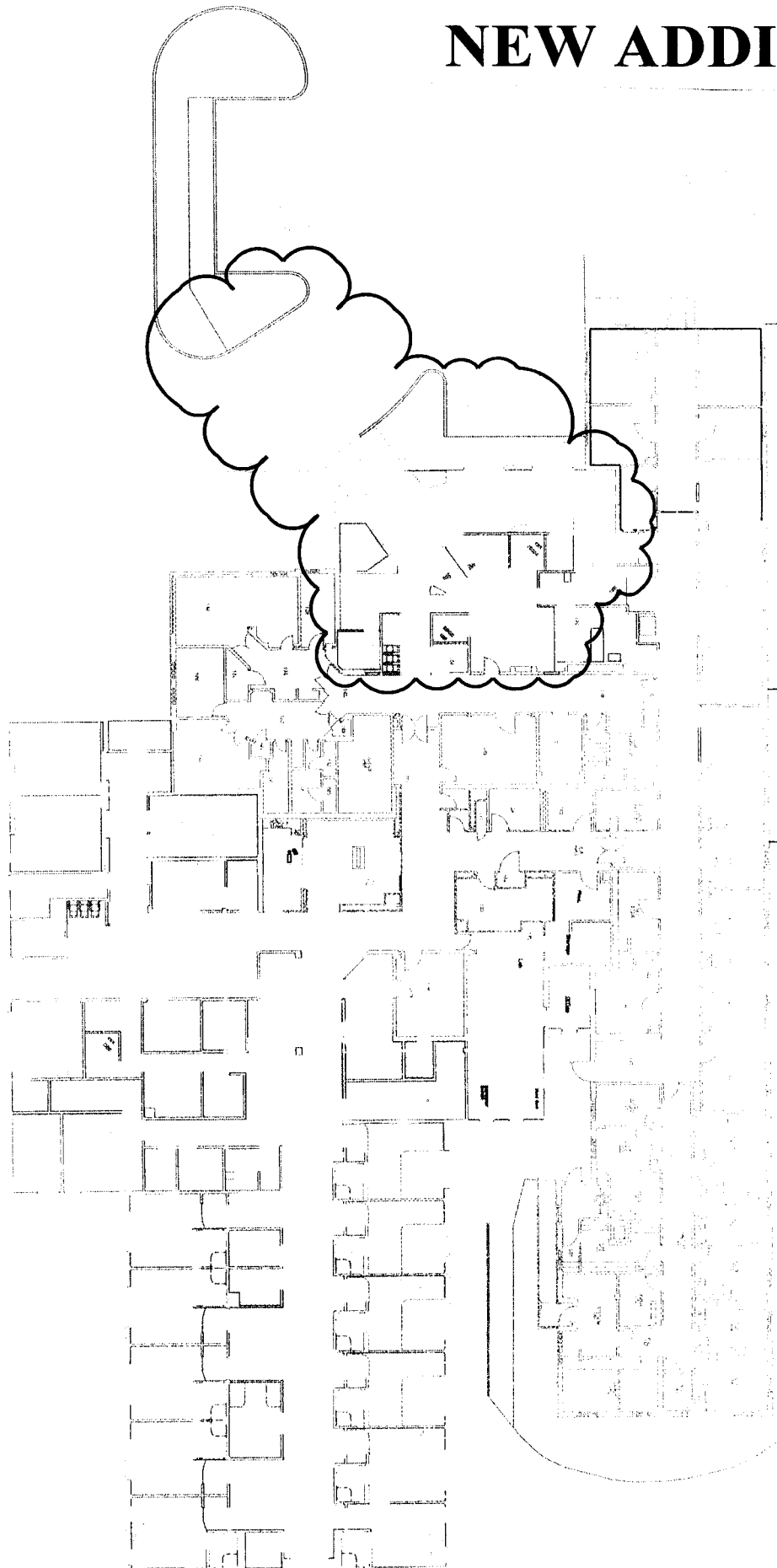
Enclosures

cc: Rawlins County

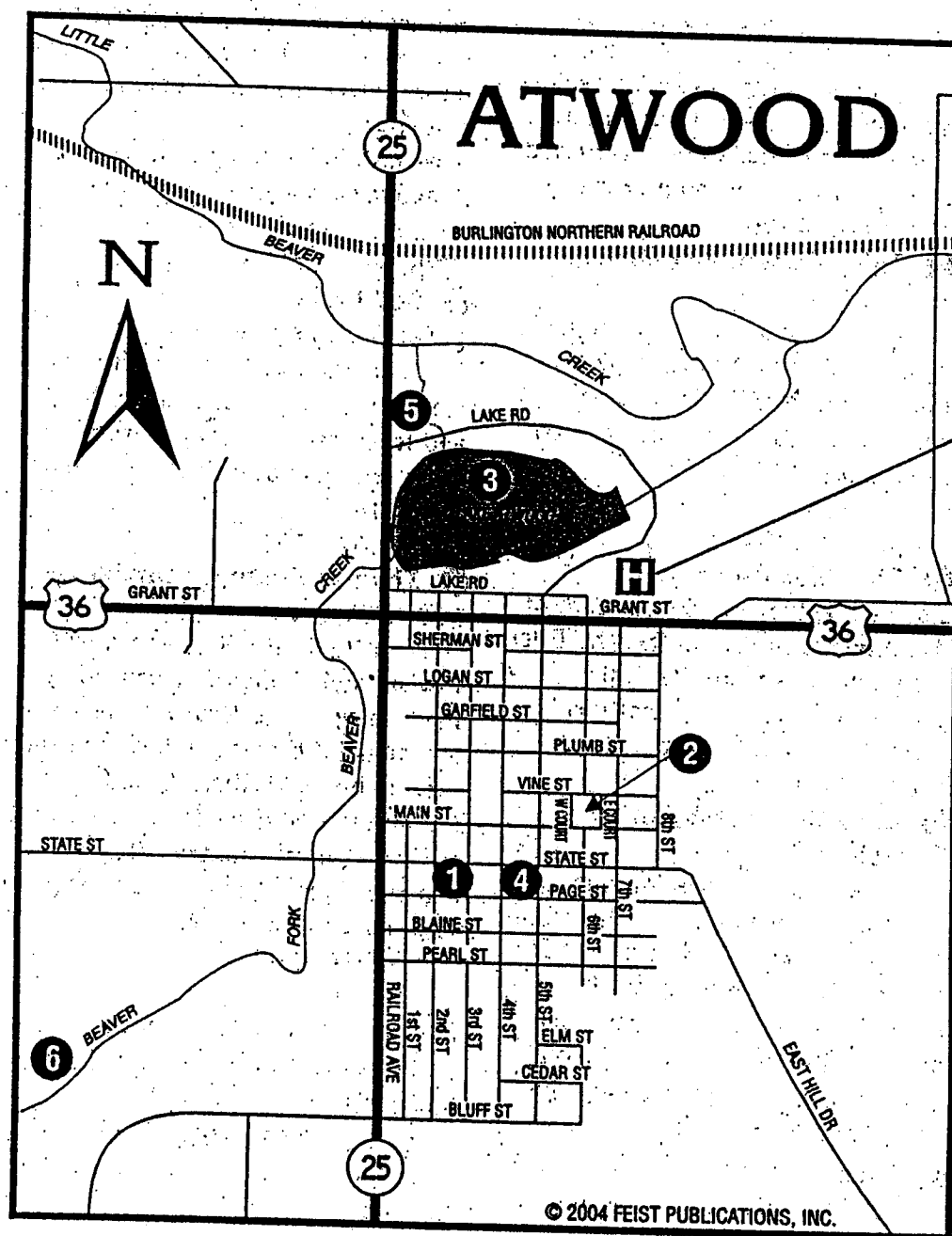
EXISTING FACILITY



PROPOSED NEW ADDITION



PROJECT SITE MAP



H=Rawlins County
Health Center
707 Grant Street