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**Hamilton County Announces Agreement to Sell Downtown Health  
Department Facility to Erlanger**

*Hamilton County to relocate within health corridor in partnership with UTC*

Hamilton County Mayor Weston Wamp today announced plans to sell the current campus of the Hamilton County Health Department to Erlanger for \$10 million, securing the hospital's future growth plans. The county plans to relocate the Health Department, which has operated at its 3rd Street location for 64 years, to a new site adjacent to Engel Stadium on property owned by the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC). The sale and subsequent new construction will further establish a healthcare corridor along 3rd Street as the state prepares to build a new nursing school at UTC.

"Over the last two years, we have worked closely with Erlanger and UTC officials on plans to reinvigorate Chattanooga's healthcare corridor while modernizing the delivery of public health services," said **Mayor Wamp**. "Through this partnership, Erlanger's future is strengthened and the county is positioned to launch a new era in public health through the construction of a modern Health Department facility."

This agreement paves the way for Erlanger, the region's lone safety-net hospital, to expand in order to address the rising need for healthcare services throughout the Tennessee Valley.

"Erlanger has always envisioned expanding our presence on E. 3rd Street to better meet the needs of our patients and the broader Chattanooga community. With the acquisition of the Health Department building, we can now bring that vision to life in ways previously limited by space," said **Jim Coleman, President and CEO of Erlanger**. "This collaboration is a long-term investment in our community's health, creating a vibrant health hub that will serve our region for decades to come. Erlanger has been a cornerstone of E. 3rd Street for generations, and this expansion strengthens that legacy, ensuring that critical and emergent care remains readily accessible, where our community has always turned for support. We're setting the foundation to meet the healthcare needs of future generations, reinforcing Erlanger's role as the region's only Level I Trauma Center with the capacity and resources to care for our growing population."

The new health department will occupy a small portion of the Engel Stadium property, while UTC will oversee the redevelopment of the remaining areas, preserving the stadium's legacy and ensuring its historical significance remains a key part of the revitalization.

"We are pleased to partner with Hamilton County Mayor Weston Wamp and Erlanger CEO Jim Coleman on a plan that enhances the 3rd Street health corridor and the repurposing of the Engel Stadium property," stated

**UTC Chancellor Steven R. Angle.** “We look forward to developing this space in a way that benefits both the campus and surrounding communities while honoring such an important landmark to our city. We envision a historically appropriate adaptive re-use of the Engel Stadium property, mirroring how Chamberlain Field’s legacy was honored on campus.”

An initial resolution outlining the agreement will be considered by Hamilton County Commissioners at Wednesday’s meeting.

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