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Ground breaking for emergency ser

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An exciting day for Sweet

That was the consensus Wednesday afternoon during a ground breaking ceremony for the emergency services building.

Members of the public watched Mayor Craig Fentiman, Don Perkins, chairman of the Sweet Rural Fire District and Dave Holden, chairman of the Sweet Ambulance District, tossed ceremonial first shovels of dirt.

"The partnership of the three groups has made this a reality for the community," said City Manager Dan Dean. "The community has wanted this for 15 years and it's exciting to see it come to fruition."

Former Fire Chief Jerry Wooley was all smiles. Wooley spent 36 years with the Fire Department, the last 10 as Volunteer Chief.

"I didn't think this would happen in my lifetime, but I'm really glad to be here today to see it come true," Wooley said. "I'm very excited because this is something that's been needed for many years. I've tried years ago but didn't succeed."

Wooley joked that he hoped the

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construction company would "get working on the reviewing stand for all of us old retired guys." He added that recently retired Fire Marshal Keith Gabriel has been appointed to set up and take down lawn chairs for the unofficial "supervisors."

Gabriel spent 27 years with the department.

"This is fantastic, wonderful, marvelous," he said. "This is one of many positive things which are happening here."

The fact that three government groups united for a common cause also means savings for the taxpayers they serve, said Mayor Craig Fentiman.

"It's what government needs to do, to combine its efforts," Fentiman said. "I'm impressed, we've set a precedent. By securing the Community Development

Block Grant (\$600,000 and spreading the bond over many persons \$500,000 for five years) we are going to benefit a lot of people at minimal cost."

Volunteer Fireman Erv Reynolds pointed to the old Fire Hall. He noted that it had served the community well for five decades and the new emergency services building will do the same.

The support of the community for the project was gratifying according to Fire Chief Joe Mengore.

"It's been a long time coming, everyone is excited about this," Mengore said. "It's nice to see the hopes and dreams of people come true."

The community's support for the project was recognized by the project's architects, GLAs Architectural Group.

"I've been around this project since the '70s," said Reid Anderson. "I helped design the first set of plans that we've revamped for this project. It's evident the community really wants this building in place."

John Hyland of John Hyland Construction has been chosen as the project's general contractor. His company was founded in 1978 and operates out of the Eugene-Springfield area. It has 60 employees and specializes in

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Fast Facts

What: Emergency
Services Building

Structure type: 12,000 square
feet, one level, five equipment
bays, four offices, training room,
kitchen, living quarters, hose tower

Location: Long Street east of
current facility

Partners: City of Sweet Home,
Sweet Home Ambulance District,
Sweet Home Rural Fire District.
Total yearly budget of \$660,000.

Areas served: 1,000 square miles
Sweet Home Ambulance District;
66 square mile of Fire District and
6 square miles within the city
limits.

Cost: \$1.1 million

Financing: \$600,000 Comm-
unity Development Block Grant and
\$500,000 five-year bond

Staffing: 53 volunteers, plus
seven paid staff members

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