

\$2 million expansion to create 25 new jobs in Conover



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The BSN Medical facility on Keisler Road in Conover plans to expand and add 25 jobs over the next two years, officials announced Monday night at a Conover City Council meeting.

BSN currently employs about 45 people at the 100,000-square-foot plant who provide warehouse and distribution services for wound care and compression therapy products. The expansion would add about 50,000 square feet, and the 25 new employees would provide both warehouse and manufacturing services for orthopedic products, company officials said.

The expansion would cost \$2 million. BSN officials are seeking corporate tax breaks to help fund the expansion, said Scott Millar, president of the Catawba County Economic Development Corp.

EDC officials, Conover City Council members and BSN executives met for about 20 minutes in closed session during the city council meeting. BSN's announcement followed.

The tax breaks are subject to city council approval. Council members agreed to hold a public hearing on June 29 at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall, 101 First St. East.

BSN officials, meanwhile, will hold a groundbreaking ceremony Monday at 2 p.m. They hope to complete the expansion by October and have increased operations fully under way by spring 2010.

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