

NITRO COUNCIL MEMBERS DISCUSS ANNEXATION, STARTING HEALTH BOARD

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Nitro City Council members Tuesday discussed options to annex property on either side of a section of W.Va. 25 near the intersection of Goff Mountain Road.

The land in question could include a portion of the Bayer CropScience Plant. That could bring the **city** much-needed-revenue in business and occupation taxes from the company.

Dunbar officials have also discussed annexing parts of Institute, and a **Nitro** move could preempt that, **council** members said.

According to **City** Attorney Richie Robb, **council** members have met with officials from Bayer, though no plans have been finalized.

In other business, councilman Jim McKay announced the selection of three members to the **Nitro** Convention and Visitor's Bureau Board of Directors. **Council** members unanimously approved the selections of April Plank, Chuck Boggs and Leonard Wampler.

After the meeting, Robb and councilman Craig Matthews announced plans to explore the possible establishment of a municipal Health Board independent of Kanawha County's Health Board.

Robb said that he is preparing a letter to the West Virginia State Health Board to learn how the **city** might approach the legal establishment of its own health board in an attempt to maintain the disputed smoking exemption passed for the Tri-state Racetrack and Gaming Center.