

## Work starts with ceremony for new Snoqualmie Valley Hospital

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**Mary Selecky**, former Washington State Secretary of Health, gives the keynote address at the Sept. 25 groundbreaking of construction for the new Snoqualmie Valley Hospital, on Snoqualmie Ridge. **Larry Benaroya**, Manager of The Benaroya Companies, the hospital developer, sits next to the podium. — *image credit: William Shaw/Staff Photo*



**Snoqualmie Mayor Matt Larson** commemorates the moment. — *image credit: William Shaw/Staff Photo*

Snoqualmie Valley city leaders, business representatives and residents attended a groundbreaking ceremony for the new District 4 hospital on Wednesday, Sept. 25.

More than 125 people attended the ceremony, which marked the beginning of construction for the building.

Gregory Malcolm, executive director of Encompass, was the master of ceremonies for the groundbreaking. Speakers included Dick Jones, Snoqualmie Valley Hospital Board of Commissioners president; Matt Larson, mayor of Snoqualmie; Larry Benaroya, manager of the Benaroya Companies; and Mary Selecky, Washington State Secretary of Health from 1998 until April of this year.

The hospital, which is scheduled to open in late 2014, will feature 25 single-occupancy rooms and expanded departments for patient services.