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## Oldham panel approves plan for commercial-office development

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Oldham County is one step closer to getting its first Walgreens.

And a Ruby Tuesday restaurant could also be on the way, giving residents another place to fill up on steaks and ribs.

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The businesses are planned for a commercial and office development at Interstate 71 and Ky. 53 in La Grange.

The Planning and Zoning Commission approved a preliminary plan Tuesday for the development, called Milestone Village.

It also endorsed rezoning about two acres of the 12-acre site to highway service district, which puts no limit on

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the size of the drugstore.

The La Grange City Council will make the final decision on the zoning change.

Milestone Development Group of Prospect plans 75,250 square feet of commercial and office space, including a bank, a two-story office building and a two-story office and retail building. The development could be completed in 2008 along the Ky. 53 corridor, which is peppered with restaurants, a movie theater, a Wal-Mart and a Kroger.

Regina Warren, who lives next to the site, says she's fine with the proposal.

"I think it'll be better for the area," she said.

The site is home to a Days Inn and a vacant convenience store and gas station, which would be demolished.

Ron Widman, one of the developers, said they have signed a lease with Walgreens and a purchase agreement with Ruby Tuesday, but those hinge on everything being approved.

Milestone Development Group also has to adjust its plans because the Planning Commission decided to cut some parking spaces and increase the landscaping area along Ky. 53, project manager Jim Urban said.

The developer also must submit a landscaping plan and return to the commission with details for the development's signs.

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