The rising cost of health care also is hitting small employers, "We have computers everywhere now, and we're tripping on our IT staff," Cochran said. "Ninety-seven percent of our medical records are electronic now. We have nurses who specialize in electronic record keeping."

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Cochran said. "There are also individual suitcases that are available for rent. At the current time, the following businesses are located at 600 Indiana Ave. in Chester. The building was built in 1927 and was originally the Chester High School. Over the past eight years, these businesses have been able to work together to build partnerships including the addition of a new heating/air conditioning system in several of the offices/suites."

On the main floor of the building you will find the city offices including that of the Mayor, City Clerk, Police and Water Departments. The city council chamber is also located on the main floor which is used for city council meetings as well as municipal court. The city offices are open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. except for holidays. Municipal Court is held every Thursday beginning at 8:30 a.m. Council meetings are the first and third Mondays of each month beginning at 6 p.m.

The gymnastics and the multipurpose room located on the main floor are available for rent to the public for parties, craft shows, flea markets and special community events. In addition the parking lot has been used for car shows and an outdoor farmers market. There is also an instrument shed that are available for rent. At the current time, the following businesses are located in the municipal building: Schoolhouse Collectibles (antiques and collectibles), Tri-State Community Church, Friends of Randy Swartzmiller, Robert Miller Attorney at Law, Ohio Valley Home Health, Dwayne Cooper Enterprises Inc., and Old School Shirts. It is a building that serves all three of its owner’s needs, has handicap accessible entries. Security cameras are located through the building and are monitored daily. There are also visitors to the municipal building will find display cases featuring items from local businesses as well as some items from Chester’s past. There is also a Memory Lane room that not only has Chester memorabilia but items from the Rock Springs Park that was once located in our city. Visitors that are interested in visiting the Memory Lane room should call 304-387-3535.

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East Liverpool City Hospital CEO Kenneth Cochran has been with the hospital since 2010. A registered nurse, he originally is from Enterprise, Ala.

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