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First phase of Greene County Jail expansion begins with demolition of buildings along Boonville Avenue

The landscape on North Boonville Avenue in Springfield is set to change as demolition crews are now cleared to raze several buildings along the west side of the road near Central Street to make room for expansion of the Greene County Jail.

The ½ percent sales tax, approved by voters in November 2017, is making the expansion possible and will start with properties currently owned by Greene County. For several weeks work has been conducted to ready the buildings from 909 to 921 N. Boonville for demolition. This has included asbestos removal and the disconnection of utilities. Now the first demolition is scheduled on this project.

Range Farm was awarded the contract as the result of a competitive bid and will begin the demolition process starting at 10 a.m., Monday, June 18. Traffic along Boonville will not be restricted, but for safety the sidewalks directly in front of this row of buildings will be closed beginning Sunday evening.

“We are all excited for this construction to begin because it signals the first step in a multilayer process to enhance law enforcement and safety for our community,” said Presiding Commissioner Bob Cirtin.

After initial razing of the buildings, crews anticipate it will take approximately 30 days to remove all remaining materials and debris. Next steps at this location include a geotechnical investigation to determine rock and soil conditions for design of the jail foundation.

“A project of this size and scope involves managing a lot of moving pieces, and it takes time but we are happy to be making progress and delivering on our promise to voters,” said Kevin Barnes, director of Greene County Resource Management.

Plans for the new Greene County jail are being designed by N·FORM Architecture and Treanor HL and are estimated to be completed early next year. Until construction can begin, the property will be used for parking.

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