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## **Bid awarded for Greene County Operations Center construction**

The Greene County Commission has awarded the bid to construct the Greene County Operations Center to Branco construction.

The call for bids on this project was originally advertised on Aug. 8 and six area companies responded. The \$3.387 million bid from Branco comes in nearly \$600,000 under the original estimated budget for this portion of the project. With site prep, data lines, temporary utilities and equipment the entire project is expected at approximately \$5 million.

“While cost is certainly an important factor, we look at a variety of items when we consider a bid,” explains Kevin Barnes, director of Resource Management and project manager for the Operations Center. “We want to work with reputable companies that understand the unique needs of the County and who have the experience to deliver projects on time and on budget. We believe Branco is the right fit for this construction.”

Branco has been in construction in this area since 1933. Several of their area projects to note include the Republic High School, the Kickapoo Corners Shopping Center and Vital Farms egg processing facility.

The Greene County Operations Center, which will be located at 1210 N. Boonville, will house a variety of important services for the County, including janitorial and maintenance, print shop, microfilm, mailroom and central supply. Presently these services are operated from various locations throughout the County campus. The Operations Center will be an approximately 17,500-square feet, two floor building with loading docks and warehouse space - two features currently not available in any of the existing County facilities.

“This Center will be a big benefit to the daily workings of the County, so it is exciting to see this project start to take shape and beat initial budget estimates,” said Presiding Commissioner Bob Cirtin.

The timeline for construction includes:

- Excavation work set to begin the week of Oct. 8
- Site prep is expected to take 4 to 6 weeks
- Building construction set to begin the end of November.

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