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OVERVIEW

The Juniata Board of County Commissioners has decided to move forward with a project to renovate and convert the former Juniata County Prison building into an “Emergency Operations Center”. This project also includes upgrading certain physical plant equipment connected with Courthouse.

The “Emergency Operations Center” phase of the project encompasses the following renovations:

- Converting a large portion of the 1979 wing of the former prison into an “Emergency Operations Center”. This new area will not only serve as an emergency management command center, but also a training and meeting facility with the flexibility to provide infectious disease testing and vaccinations during any potential health emergency.
- Utilizing a section of the existing holding cells in the 1979 wing of the former prison to create new and secure areas to hold prisoners during court dates.
- Creating a “sally port” for those instances where prisoners must be brought to the Courthouse for trials, etc. This area will provide a safe and secure area for the delivery of prisoners.
- Upgrading the first floor of the “Sheriff’s House” portion of the former prison to include meeting areas, undesignated workspaces, and respective storage areas.

The “Courthouse Upgrade” phase of the project encompasses the following renovations:

- Replacing and upgrading the current air quality and handling equipment in the Courthouse.
- Creating a safe and convenient handicap access point at the current public entrance located on the Bridge Street side of the Courthouse.

COSTS AND FUNDING

The public bid opening for the renovation project was held on October 25, 2022 with public action to award the bids taken during the County Commissioners’ November 15, 2022 meeting. The following chart lists the certified bid results as awarded per the November 15th action.

Bidder	Base Bid
eciConstruction	\$1,807,000.00
Mann Plumbing & Heating	\$1,116,100.00
Mann Plumbing & Heating	\$172,140.00
Westmoreland Electric Services	\$828,950.00
Grand Total:	\$3,924,190.00

As of this date, the total estimated cost of the renovation project currently stands at \$4,398,840.00. Financing will be accomplished through the combination of a loan which was authorized through the adoption of Ordinance No. 2022-2 on April 19, 2022 and the utilization of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds received by the County during the 2021 and 2022 fiscal years.

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