

# Jail includes 19 bid packages; proposals accepted until July 9

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The White County Board of Commissioners will award at least 19 contracts following a bid opening scheduled for July 9.

Contractors interested in bidding on the jail have until 10 a.m. July 9 to submit sealed bids on 19 different packages. Construction manager Everett Bucy will review the bids along with county attorney John Goss to ensure they meet the specifications.

"Immediately after that we will schedule a meeting with the commissioners," said Bucy. "They will tell us who to award bids to."

Bucy said he will announce the apparent low bidders so initial paperwork can be prepared.

"So I can start my cash flow and progress schedule," Bucy explained. As construction manager, he makes monthly pay-outs to contractors. The cash flow schedule is submitted to trustees of the Jail Building Corp.

The building corporation is made up of local citizens who hold the title for the jail until bonds used to fund the project are paid off by White County. The trustees work with the bank

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### WHITE COUNTY JAIL

#### Bid packages

Opening July 9, 10 a.m., on the second floor of the White County Building.

- 1 — general construction
- 2 — paving
- 3 — mechanical
- 4 — sheet metal, ventilation
- 5 — electrical
- 6 — security equipment
- 7 — masonry
- 8 — metals
- 9 — standing seam roof
- 10 — preformed wall panels
- 11 — glazing
- 12 — aluminum windows
- 13 — wall systems
- 14 — tiling
- 15 — accousical
- 16 — resilient floor tile
- 17 — painting
- 18 — folding partitions
- 19 — food service equipment

to make sure funds are invested and spent to the county's advantage.

As soon as the contracts are signed, construction can begin.

"Then we start digging," said Bucy. "And we don't stop until

there's a roof up and there's prisoners in it."

The jail is slated for completion in August of 1997.

More than 100 bidders expressed interest in the project. Bucy said 120 sets of documents are in the hands of contractors interested in the specifics of the building project.

Contractors bidding on smaller jobs aren't required to purchase building plans, which cost \$150.

"They can come into the office and look at it here," said Bucy.

Other larger contractors purchase the detailed plans to base their bid on.

The bid packages are also advertised in contractor's newsletters, such as Contractors Market Data (CMD) Bulletin. The plans are posted at the CMD Plan Room in Indianapolis, Dodge Rooms in Indianapolis, Fort Wayne and South Bend, and at the Construction League in Indianapolis.

"This is actually the way we get the bidders, the bulk of them," said Bucy.

He said he prefers to hire local people, but there are numerous specialized packages which

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require a larger skill base than is available in White County.

The general contract for the jail includes earth work, concrete and a variety of other general construction jobs.

"I try to do it by crafts," Bucy said. Other packages include roofing, electrical work and paving.

"The big one will probably be detention and security

equipment," said Bucy. "These contractors are few and far between."

Bucy already has an on-site office set up at Hanawalt and Sixth Streets. Taxpayers interested in the project can visit him there or at his home office.

"There's nothing private about it. It's all public," said Bucy.