



COUNTY AWARDS COURTHOUSE CONTRACT

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Montgomery County, Virginia – The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors awarded a construction contract for \$19.1 million to build a new Courthouse in Christiansburg.

DeVere Construction Company Inc. of Alpena, Mi., was the successful bidder among 12 companies that submitted bids for the 102,500-square-foot facility. The new Courthouse will be built on Pepper Street adjacent to the existing courthouse.



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Christiansburg, VA



The 12 bids received ranged from DeVere's proposal to \$21.8 million for construction of the four-story building and two story, 137-space parking structure. Prior to bidding, the most recent construction cost estimate was \$23.6 million.

“We are pleased the construction bid came in \$4.5 million lower, or nearly 20 percent less, than expected,” said County Administrator F. Craig Meadows. “The bidding climate is very competitive. This resulted in strong proposals from nationally known builders and savings for taxpayers. We are happy the project is moving forward.”

DeVere, with offices in North Carolina, Arizona, Michigan and Mississippi, employs 125-275 employees. Its annual sales are between \$150 million and \$200 million from construction of federal, state, municipal and other projects, including schools, courthouses and jails.

“This project fits us to a tee, since we are just completing a \$20 million Courthouse and county jail in Craven County, N.C.,” said Dick Crittenden, president of the construction firm. “It is good timing.”

The Courthouse is designed to meet the County's needs over the next 25 years. It will include extensive security features, including secure transfer of inmates from jail to courtrooms. Thompson & Litton, the project architect from Radford, Va., also integrated practical sustainable and green design features including a roof garden into the project.

The Courthouse will break ground in mid-September, with construction scheduled over the next two years. The existing Courthouse, designed in 1975 and occupied in 1979-80, will be renovated into a public safety building. The new Courthouse and renovated public safety building will occupy the blocks bound by Franklin, First, Pepper and East Main Streets.

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