

**Fairfield County Board of County Commissioners
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Fairfield County Selects Architect

Today, the Fairfield County Commission approved a contract with the firm of Wachtel & McAnally Architects/Planners, Incorporated to provide professional design and related services for the construction of a new county public safety facility, a jail. The jail will replace the current operations of three different locations. The decision to approve the contract comes following months of research and negotiations after the Commission decided in October of last year to move forward with the project.

Commission President, Mike Kiger, stated, "The contract amount is for 7% of the total construction cost, not to exceed \$2.1 million. Standard industry rates often exceed that amount, and we are pleased to have high quality services at a competitive rate."

Further, the County Sheriff has been pleased with the architect's responsiveness and expertise. Sheriff Dave Phalen commented, "The firm has experience and expertise in jail construction. During the pre-design phase, the firm was knowledgeable and able to answer questions quickly. There is a dire need for a new jail, and I am pleased to see this action take place."

In 2013, \$3.8 million of general revenue funds were transferred to a capital projects fund to accommodate the project. No new taxes have been proposed to fund the jail. It is being funded with existing revenue sources.

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