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County to Begin Renovation for Emergency and Facilities Management Complex

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Lancaster, Ohio - The Fairfield County Commissioners recently opened bids for the renovation of the Emergency and Facilities Management Complex located on Baldwin Drive in Lancaster, Ohio. The low bidder on the project was Walsh Construction Group of Dublin, Ohio, with a bid amount of \$1,445,720. Bids ranged from \$1,788,616 to \$1,445,720.

In 2016, the county purchased an approximate 4-acre property with a 33,000 SF commercial metal building for \$490,000. A new 10,000 SF vehicle garage was completed in 2018 at a cost of about \$714,509. With the current renovation project, the remodeled area of the building will provide about 10,750 SF of office space for the Emergency Management Agency (EMA) and the County Coroner, now located in the government services building at the corner of Main and Memorial.

“We look forward to the renovation project for how it will provide better space for the EMA Emergency Operations Center to function during disasters and planning meetings. There is plenty of parking for our multiple community partners, such as first responders,” stated Jon Kochis, EMA Director. He added, “Also, the new garage allows for security and sustainability of the mobile command center, which reduces costs of renting and improves our emergency response.”

The maintenance department of the County is already located at the site. “This facility has been a great improvement for the Facilities Department. We perform maintenance on more 20 buildings, and the storage space was badly needed,” said Facilities Manager Dennis Keller. He added, “This renovation will allow other space needed for public access, such as space for Job and Family Services at the government services building, to be available for better utilization.”

The renovation project is expected to be completed by the end of 2019.

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