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Guernsey County Commissioners participated in a pre-bid meeting for New Dog Shelter

The Guernsey County Commissioners participated in a pre-bid meeting regarding the proposed new county dog shelter project. Diversified Engineering of New Philadelphia has officially entered the public bidding phase for project.

The public bidding phase allows qualified contractors to submit proposals for construction of the new shelter. Once bids are received, the Board will review the results and evaluate project costs to determine appropriate next steps toward construction.

This milestone marks significant progress toward providing a modern, safe, and efficient facility to better serve the community and ensure proper care for the dogs of Guernsey County. Over the past year, the Sheriff's office at the recommendation of Deputy Dog Warden, Sgt. Karla Kerns, worked with Diversified Engineering to develop comprehensive plans focused on functionality, dog welfare, public safety, and long-term sustainability. While the planning process was conducted in this manner, the Commissioners are pleased to see the project now formally entering the competitive bidding phase and moving closer to construction.

The Commissioners extend their appreciation to the individuals and businesses that have donated toward this project. While the Commissioners have pledged to supplement those donations to make the new shelter a reality, they point out that without the generosity displayed by the residents of Guernsey County, this project could not have progressed this far.

The Commissioners emphasized that this project represents a significant investment in the community and it is being approached with careful financial oversight and long-term responsibility.

"Our goal is to deliver a facility that meets the needs of our community while remaining fiscally responsible to the taxpayers of Guernsey County," stated Commission President, Jack Marlin. "We are committed to ensuring this project is cost-effective, competitively bid, and constructed in a manner that is affordable and sustainable for the County."

Additional updates will be shared as the project progresses.

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