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## PM Construction awarded contract for Sheriff's, EMA building

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County officials and representatives of PM Construction of Saco discuss a construction contract for the proposed Sheriff's Department and Emergency Management Agency building. From left are County Emergency Management Agency Director Dale Rowley; PM Construction President and CEO William Nason, Project Manager Karl Bacon and Superintendent Erick Aitken; Matthew Carter of WBRC Architects, and County Commissioner William Shorey.

**BELFAST** — Waldo County officials signed a contract Monday, May 2, with PM Construction of Saco, for the construction of a new 10,750-square-foot building to house the Sheriff's Department and Emergency Management Agency.

According to figures supplied by the county, the total estimated cost of the building and related work is \$1.72 million.

Last week, county officials opened bids from 16 contractors, the highest was \$2.2 million.

The bids included a base price covering construction cost of the building and quotes on more than dozen additional items — radio tower footings and bullet-proof glass for the reception area, among others — that could be added to the project subject to the total cost.

PM Construction submitted the lowest bid on the base price, at \$1.21 million.

A group consisting of County Commissioner William Shorey, Emergency Management Agency Director Dale Rowley, and Matthew Carter of WBRC architects, approved the base bid, and added \$242,110 worth of items from the supplemental list.

The goal, according to Shorey, was to stay under \$1.5 million — a target based on a budget comprising appropriations from county reserve accounts (\$1 million), grants from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (\$360,000) and U.S. Department of Homeland Security (\$12,000), and a portion (\$37,200) from a jail-related capital reserve account.

In addition to this \$1.4 million total, the contract signed with PM Construction tacked on \$267,700 worth of other related work, including a 100-kilowatt generator, base station radios, repaving of the jail driveway, work to upgrade the electrical system and bury the wires, and lines for technology, furniture and security windows in the building foyer, bringing the total for the project to \$1.72 million.

Several of the items, including the generator, radios and radio tower footings, have been funded by grants from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The remaining \$217,000 is to come from county reserves and the jail capital reserve account.

As to what would be left in the county's undesignated fund, or surplus, Shorey said that barring any major unanticipated expenses related to the building he expected that figure to be between \$350,000 and \$500,000 when the new building is completed.

An ideal surplus, he said, would be between \$500,000 and \$750,000.

A surplus of more than \$900,000, in the case of Waldo County, would activate a statutory clause requiring the county to give the overage to back to the municipalities, as happened this year when the county returned roughly \$300,000 to towns.

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