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Construction manager approved for new jail

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NEW BRAUNFELS — The new Comal County Jail project has a construction manager-at-risk after Commissioners Court on Thursday approved a proposal from a joint venture of two companies with offices in San Antonio.

The proposal by Yates Construction and Sundt Construction was accepted on a unanimous 5-0 vote authorizing the county's jail project evaluation committee to negotiate a contract with the firms. Two other companies were also among the finalists.

“All three of them were certainly qualified,” said Precinct 3 Commissioner Kevin Webb. “These decisions are hard, and they affect a lot of people. In the end, this is the strongest option for us.”

The decision means Yates-Sundt will essentially be the lead contractor for the jail project, tasked with completing construction on time and within budget while accepting the risk for any overages.

Over the past 10 years, Yates and Sundt separately have completed 75 justice and law-enforcement center projects across the United States totaling about \$1.5 billion. Sixteen of them have been with HDR, the architects designing the new Comal County Jail, and three have been completed with Broaddus and Associates, which the county has hired to be its project manager.

“It was a difficult decision, but we look forward to working with Yates-Sundt,” said County Judge Sherman Krause. “We feel confident they will work hard to make sure taxpayer dollars are spent wisely and efficiently to produce a jail that will serve our community for decades to come.”

Sundt Construction Inc., founded in 1890, is an employee-owned company that has become one of the country's largest general contractors. Based in Arizona, it also has offices in California and Texas, including San Antonio.

Yates Construction, founded in 1964, is a Mississippi-based company that has had an office in San Antonio since 2002. It has been ranked by *Engineering News Record* as among the country's top contractors, top construction managers-at-risk and among the top 10 contractors in corrections.

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