



# COMAL COUNTY

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## County selects project manager for jail construction

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*NEW BRAUNFELS* — The Comal County Commissioners Court on Thursday unanimously selected CGL to provide project management for construction of a new jail.

CGL, which since 1974 has steered more than 1,500 criminal-justice-related construction projects to completion, was chosen to help complete the jail project on time and within the \$76 million budget approved by Comal County voters in November, said County Judge Sherman Krause.

“We were very fortunate in that we had two companies that we interviewed where we felt we couldn’t go wrong,” Krause said. “The representative that CGL will bring to manage our project on a day-to-day basis tipped the scales for me. When we’re spending that amount of money, we want to make sure we have a good relationship and effective communication with our representative.”

As project manager, CGL will be the county’s representative during the construction of the new jail and the renovation of the current jail into expanded space for the Sheriff’s Office.

“We are very excited to get to work in and for Comal County,” said John Welborn, executive vice president for CGL. “We’re ready to work alongside the Commissioners Court and the other project stakeholders to make sure the jail project provides long-lasting value to the residents of Comal County.”

The Commissioners Court on April 27 interviewed CGL and one other respondent to the county’s Request for Proposals for a project manager. The county previously selected HDR Architects to design the project, and has begun the process of selecting a construction manager-at-risk to oversee the building and renovating itself.

Construction is unlikely to begin for several more months, Krause said.

“We are taking our time to make sure we do this correctly,” he said. “We would rather spend a little longer before we begin construction than rush into it and need to spend more money because we didn’t plan properly.”

CGL, whose parent company is based in El Paso, has overseen 52 projects in Texas, 38 of them jails, including in El Paso, Fort Bend and Brazoria counties. It will be collaborating with Dallas-based Garza Program Management.

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