

Construction manager conducts meeting today

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Everett Bucy, construction manager for the new jail, will meet with bidders today at 10 a.m.

Interested contractors can attend the pre-bid conference in the commissioners room on the second floor of the White County Building. Bucy will provide details and answer questions about the jail project.

Bucy estimates the cost of the project at \$5,826,184. A five-man wage board set common construction wages for workers on the jail on May 17.

During Monday's regular meeting of the board of commissioners, Commission President Chuck Altman asked that the minutes reflect that the May

17 meeting was the only one applicable to the project.

A three-man board met in March, without the commissioner's knowledge, to set wage scales for construction workers. County Attorney John Goss, however, instructed the commissioners to appoint a five-man board to reflect current laws.

Goss cited a Floyd County case where a circuit court judge dismissed a decision made by a three-man wage board. Goss said anything done during the first meeting was "void action."

"This is a philosophical debate that is being held statewide," said Goss.

Changes made to the 60-year-old common wage law on July 1, 1995, are under appeal in Indiana Supreme Court. Goss said that oral arguments in the case are slated for June 11.