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Virginia Motor Pool project moves forward

A project that will improve efficiencies for St. Louis County employees in Virginia while at the same time providing a permanent home for the St. Louis County Volunteer Rescue Squad received unanimous approval from the St. Louis County Board at its meeting Tuesday. Commissioners approved awarding a contract to Lenci Enterprises to build a new motor pool facility on land across the street from the Courthouse in Virginia. The value of the contract is \$1.63 million.

Constructing a motor pool between the county's courthouse and Northland Office Center, where the majority of county employees work in Virginia, will save considerable time for workers who use a county vehicle as part of their job. The new location also is more convenient for sheriff's vehicles needing maintenance work done.

The new building's design will include numerous energy efficient features such as a solar wall, white roof and additional insulation, all of which will help keep energy costs at a minimum.

The old motor pool is located several miles from downtown Virginia on Highway 135. Employees have had to use their own vehicle to travel to and from the building in order to use a county vehicle, a process that is unnecessarily time consuming and inefficient.

Once the motor pool is relocated, the old building will be re-used, becoming home to the Sheriff's Office Volunteer Rescue Squad, which currently has no dedicated space for vehicles and operations in the northern part of the county.

Groundbreaking for the new motorpool is expected to take place yet this fall, with the entire project to be complete in 2015.

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