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## Vienna awards police facility construction contract to Hoar Construction

Vienna Town Council voted tonight to award a contract to build a new Vienna police facility to Hoar Construction. A national company with 80 years of construction experience, Hoar is headquartered in Birmingham and has offices throughout the country, including one just outside the Town of Vienna limits.

Construction will likely begin in early 2021 with the project expected to take 18-24 months to complete. The approved construction contract price with Hoar is \$13,237,514. Deemed the lowest responsible bidder, Hoar Construction was one of five pre-qualified companies to submit a bid to construct the new police station.

"After doing background research on the company and learning who is on their team, we found that not only does Hoar have a depth of construction experience, their team members also are part of this community," says Vienna Police Chief Jim Morris. "They have experience in this area and are involved in and around Vienna."

When completed, the almost 29,000-square foot police facility will provide the security and sufficient space for equipment and personnel that is required of a modern police department. The new facility will provide space for adequate property and evidence storage, training, sufficient men's and women's locker rooms, and information and technology needs. Like the current police station, the new facility also will have a firing range.

The facility also will feature 1,500 square feet of flexible space that will have multiple internal and community uses.

The police department will utilize the space for:

- classroom training for officers
- a Town of Vienna Emergency Operations Center when needed
- police-led community training opportunities, such as the Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) program
- an area for Police Department presentations to groups
- space for police officers to interact with the community within the police facility.

The Town will use the flexible space for non-police activities as well, including for cable broadcasting, overflow for public meetings, staff meetings, and a potential voting location.

"The current layout doesn't have anything close to this type of community-oriented space," Morris says. "We really want to bring residents in and have the community to be a part of the new facility."

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