

# The Bandera PROPHEET

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Briefing from Bandera County Commissioners Court

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After opening and reviewing sealed bids from contractors for the 1877 Courthouse and 1881 Jail project, Bandera County commissioners awarded the contract to AR6 Construction & Engineering.

Pct. 3 Commissioner Jack Moseley said AR6, of Spring Branch, was the lowest bidder at \$1,100,800, and highest ranked by the committee, which included himself, County Engineer Dieter Werner and General Contractor Mike Boyle.

In other business, County Auditor Darryl Sadler reported the Pipe Creek garbage collection station is operating in the black, with a gain of almost \$14,000 in 2024; Bandera had a gain of \$5,000 over 2023; the Lakehills and Medina stations had losses of \$10,000 and zero revenue respectively.

The annual cumulative surplus of all stations for garbage collection was \$6,680 plus an additional \$16,460 in interest due to high rates last year on the garbage station's fund balance.

The recycling program also generated a slight profit that will be used to repair machinery this year.

Bob Brischetto, of Don't Make Waste Bandera, said an average of 300 people bring their recycling to the Bandera collection site every Saturday. Of the more than 70 volunteers who have been recruited, 35 are currently trained and active, totaling 925-plus hours of onsite supervision and 693-plus hours of baling.

In 2024, Brischetto said 4,000-plus customers brought 50-plus tons of recyclables to the solid waste station; an HEB grant funded a recycle mobile; and the Lakehills recycling site reopened.

“We do have some requests,” Brischetto said.

He asked the county to add HDPE Natural #2 (high-density polyethylene) to the list of recyclables (milk containers).

“We know we can keep them separate, and compact them to ship out,” Brischetto said.

He also asked commissioners to consider removing the concrete slab at the Bandera waste station; adding more covered space; and designating an employee to oversee the repairs of county equipment such as balers and fork lifts.

Brischetto said DMWB volunteers support the Adopt-A-County-Road clean-up efforts, and coordinate with the Silver Sage to clean yards for the disabled or elderly.

“We removed 11 tons of trash and recyclables from the Wharton’s Dock area,” Brischetto said. “We will continue this year. There is an incredible amount of stuff that needs to be moved out to keep our county beautiful.”