

# Commissioners recognize longtime county employee

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Melinda Caton is recognized by the county commissioners, left to right, Gary McGrane, Clyde Barker and Charlie Webster. Communications Director Stanley Wheeler holds the plaque.

FARMINGTON - County commissioners recognized the contributions of a longtime county employee at their meeting Monday morning.

Melinda Caton is retiring after 34 years with the county. Caton worked previously for the Franklin County Sheriff's Office and was most recently serving as the Franklin County Communications Center's dispatch supervisor. Director Stanley Wheeler presented Caton with a plaque, with the commissioners wishing her well on her retirement.

Caton noted that she had begun working for the county at the Franklin County Detention Center with Commissioner Clyde Barker. Both Caton and Barker were corrections officers at the time.

Wheeler said that he would advertise the now-open dispatch supervisor position in-house, as specified by the contract. If necessary, the ensuing opening among the dispatch staff would be filled as well.

Commissioners also opened seven bids for the project to repair the FCDC roof. Part of the jail's original construction back in 1983, the roof was patched 12 years ago and is now in need of replacement as the facility approaches its 30th year of operation.

The county held a well-attended mandatory meeting for interested contractors, with seven companies submitting bids that ranged from \$49,100 to \$135,800. The county has \$205,000 saved in a reserve account, a hold-over from when the jail operated as a 72-hour holding facility under the auspices of the Board of Corrections. Those funds could be used to fund the project.

Commissioners handed the bids over to jail and county officials for review prior to making a decision about which bid to accept. The bidding companies will also be checked against the list of attendees at the mandatory meeting.