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Progress on New Ascension Parish Animal Welfare Center

Gonzales, LA - On behalf of the Administration, we are pleased to announce the selection of a top-tier Architectural and Engineering Team to begin work on our forthcoming Animal Welfare Center. This project marks a significant step forward in our commitment to animal care and services in Ascension Parish.

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The contract for the Animal Welfare Center has been signed, officially bringing on board an impressive collaborative team, which includes Mougeot Architecture, All South Engineering, BDA Architecture, Thompson Luke and Associates, Southeast Engineers, and Gulf South Engineering and Testing. Together, they have begun early planning phases to make this much-needed facility a reality for our residents.

This new center will be located on a 7.5-acre property purchased earlier this year near the intersection of Roddy Road and La Hwy 429 (Weber City Road). This strategic location will enable easy access for parish residents and create a welcoming space to support animal welfare services and community engagement.

Our recent meeting with David Mougeot and his team kicked off preliminary planning discussions, including a thorough assessment of site conditions and budget needs to ensure the project's success. This initial research phase will outline the welfare center's detailed requirements and identify any site-specific concerns to address proactively. Over the next few weeks, the Mougeot team will conduct additional research and follow up with Ascension Parish Government and partner agencies, setting the stage for the conceptual design phase. We aim to enter the design development phase in the first quarter of 2025 and move towards construction drawings shortly thereafter.

While we are committed to advancing the project as swiftly as possible, our current timeline projects a bid process by early third quarter of 2025. Construction is tentatively planned to begin in the fourth quarter of 2025, with an anticipated completion in late 2026 following a 12-month construction timeline.

We look forward to updating the public as we progress through these exciting stages and complete this new facility for animals in Ascension Parish.