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Ascension Parish Animal Welfare Center Moves Closer to Construction Phase

Gonzales, LA - Ascension Parish Government is excited to announce progress on the new Animal Welfare Center. This vital community project will serve our residents and our four-legged friends for years.

The Parish Administration and Project Management team, in collaboration with Mougeot Architecture and the facility's design consultants, have successfully completed both the Schematic Design and Design Development phases of the Ascension Parish Animal Welfare Center. The project is now moving into the Construction Drawing phase, with civil engineering and final building details expected to be finalized within the next 60 days.

Parish officials anticipate the project will be ready for construction bids by the end of June to early July. "With the current design, our new Animal Welfare Center will provide shelter space for approximately 148 dogs and 164 cats," said Parish President Clint Cointment. "This facility is being built two feet above the base flood elevation to help safeguard our animals during potentially severe weather events. It's thoughtfully designed to serve the public, host community adoption events, and allow room for future expansion."

President Cointment added, "This project has been a long time coming, and I'm incredibly proud of the hard work our team has put into bringing this vision to life. We can't wait to share the full plans with our community very soon."

The Animal Welfare Center is designed to address current needs and support education, engagement, and advocacy for animal welfare in Ascension Parish.

Further updates and architectural renderings will be shared with the public as the project advances to the next phase.