

County breaks ground for new administration building

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Trying to stay a step ahead of growth in south Bryan, the county's commissioners on May 27 broke ground for a new administration building south of Richmond Hill.

The \$3.6-million building is being erected adjacent to Henderson Park, in the area where County Commission Chairman Jimmy Burnsed believes the population will be swelling in about 10 years.

Burnsed spoke briefly before county officials joined representatives from Hussey, Gay, Bell & DeYoung architects and Choate Construction to break ground for the 29,000-square-foot building.

SPLOST funds will be used to pay for the new building, and Burnsed urged Bryan



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Several of Bryan's county commissioners and officials joined representatives of Hussey, Gay, Bell & DeYoung architects and Choate Construction in a ceremony breaking ground for a new administrative building, adjacent to Henderson Park.

County residents to thank the travelers that pay some 60 percent of the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax as they pass through Richmond Hill buying gasoline, food and accommodations.

Dubbing the construction locally whenever possible.

Choate Construction's project supervisor Terry Lee, himself a Bryan resident, said, "We're talking to a lot of local suppliers and contractors. ... We are certainly giving it our best shot."

Choate's bid to construct the new county building was accepted during the February County Commission meeting, and the building is slated for completion in December.

The 180-foot-wide building will have colonial columns, County Administrator Phil Jones said the new building will allow Bryan to consolidate many offices now spread around Richmond Hill, including planning and zoning, engineering, tax commissioner, probation, Magistrate Court and the Department of Family and Children Services.

"And we'll have a large meeting room here," Jones said.