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### **City of Sanford to Sell Late 19<sup>th</sup> Century Downtown Jail Site**

The City of Sanford is soliciting proposals for the purchase and redevelopment of 113 S. Palmetto Avenue, which includes the historic, former Seminole County Jail building. Interested parties may download the Request for Proposal (RFP) (RFP#14/15-12) at [www.myvendorlink.com](http://www.myvendorlink.com). Minimum Bid Price: \$53,000; provided, however, the City will consider development proposals that provide other substantial economic benefits to the City.

The building located at 113 S. Palmetto Avenue was constructed circa 1890 by William J. Hill, the first building supply operator in Sanford. The structure is part of the City's original downtown commercial district which developed between 1886-1924. The building originally housed a blacksmith and wagon shop. From 1904 through 1913 the building was home to the "E.E. Brady Livery Feed and Sales Stables". The business offered horses, buggies, and mule teams for hire.

Seminole County was created on April 25, 1913. That same year, the newly created County acquired the building for use as a jail. The Seminole County Jail functioned at the location until 1959. The original prison cell door and prison ledger book are on display at the Museum of Seminole County.

The City envisions redevelopment on this site to capitalize upon the unique history of the late 19th century "jail" building, attracting visitors and tourists to learn more about Sanford's rich history. The site will be conveyed in "as-is" condition, and is zoned SC-3, Special Commercial, which requires that ground floor use be retail.

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