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3 vacant county-owned buildings to be demolished

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COSHOCTON – Three county-owned buildings that have become vacant eyesores in the 300 block of Chestnut Street will be razed soon with state funding.

However, one bid that came in sur-

prisingly low is leading to further vetting.

The county land bank recently opened bids to demolish the former Coshocton Justice Center, Coshocton County Prosecutor's Office and Family Connection Center.

Intentions are to turn the old sheriff's office property into a parking lot for the Coshocton County Courthouse, which

will free up parking on Main Street. The other two lots will be turned into green space.

Funding will come from about \$250,000 leftover from a 2025 Ohio Department of Development grant for demolition of vacant and blighted structures.

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The former Coshocton Justice Center building in the 300 block of Chestnut Street will be demolished with leftover funding from a state grant in 2025. The plan is to create a parking lot for the Coshocton County Courthouse and free up parking along Main Street.

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NASA astronaut Christina Koch, left, takes control of the Orion spacecraft during a manual piloting test of the Artemis II mission. To her right is CSA (Canadian Space Agency) astronaut Jeremy Hansen and NASA astronaut Victor Glover.

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Ohio's NASA centers helped power Artemis II

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Before NASA's Artemis II mission journeyed to the far reaches of space, the Orion spacecraft underwent rigorous testing right here in Ohio.

Engineers spent nearly a decade putting Orion through deep-space stress tests before Artemis II at NASA's Neil Armstrong Test Facility in Sandusky, according to the NASA Glenn Research Center in Cleveland. And that's not the only role Ohio has played in the first human lunar flyby since Apollo 17 in 1972.

Ohio researchers spent years developing, managing and testing key parts of the Orion spacecraft now carrying four astronauts on their 10-day mission around the moon and back.

Aaron Weaver, chief of the Human Exploration and Space Operations Projects Office at NASA Glenn Research

Center in Cleveland, said the Artemis II mission is both a point of pride for Ohio and a chance to showcase the state's role in aerospace innovation.

"Artemis is a platform to showcase all of the great work we do in Ohio and the great jobs that are here to do this really intense, out-of-this-world kind of work," Weaver said.

The milestone mission also builds on Ohio's broader legacy in spaceflight, from the state's 25 astronauts to its long-standing role in NASA engineering and exploration.

"For Ohio in general, it gives a sense of pride in the type of work and the things we can do within the state," Weaver said.

How NASA Glenn in Ohio helped Artemis II

NASA Glenn Research Center manages Orion's service module, the critical

component that provides the spacecraft's power, propulsion, and air and water systems for astronauts.

The module, built by the European Space Agency (ESA) and Airbus, is designed to safely support astronauts farther from Earth than any humans have traveled before.

"The service module provides the propulsion needed to perform the mission," Weaver said. "It provides the power, the communication, water and air—the things the crew need to survive and the mission needs to be successful."

NASA Glenn works closely with ESA and Airbus to ensure the system is mission-ready, according to the research center.

Many Glenn experts were also expected to support the mission from Kennedy Space Center in Florida, with

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39 charges, \$5M bond follow eviction standoff

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DRESDEN – Thirty-nine charges and a \$5 million bond. That's a 45-year-old Dresden woman faces after an eviction became a standoff and shootout with tear gas, a drone, a battering ram and an armored truck.

Rebecca Theresa Ann Besser has been detained in the Muskingum County Jail since the incident. She was indicted April 1 on 39 felonies: one count of attempted murder, a first-degree felony; three counts of attempted aggravated murder, first-degree felony; two counts of inducing panic, second-degree felony; one count of obstructing justice, fifth-degree felony; and 32 counts of felonious assault, all first- or second-degree felonies.

Besser had been a tenant in an apartment on Dresden's West Ninth Street and was facing eviction March 25. Early interactions between her and local law enforcement turned into a stalemate when she refused to leave.

Authorities contacted Besser multiple times through phone calls and PA announcements and deployed tear gas, but she remained inside.

Police eventually formed a perimeter and used a BearCat armored unit and its battering ram to force in the door. Besser opened fire from within the building, and law enforcement returned fire.

A drone was sent in to find the woman and confirm her condition. She blasted the drone and then started shooting out of the building a second time. Police fired back a second time.

Besser ultimately walked out voluntarily and unscathed after two rounds of shooting. No officers were injured during the exchange. The BearCat and drone were struck with bullets.

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