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**County announces intention to purchase property for potential construction of new Detention Facility**

On October 27, 2009 the Amador County Board of Supervisors gave direction to staff to move forward with the purchase of 201.37 acres located on Wicklow Way in Martell. The negotiated purchase price for the property is \$1,810,000. The Board intends to use this property for the purpose of constructing a new Detention Facility and other future county facilities subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance. The Board and County Property Negotiator Mr. Jon Hopkins previously evaluated more than 50 properties for purchase for a jail site. The Wicklow Way property proves to be a more valuable and cost effective venture for future planning needs. The purchase will be funded entirely with Jail Capital Facilities Fees-funds that can only be spent on a new jail facility- and will not impact the General Fund. The Board intends to enter into an agreement to purchase the Property at its meeting on December 1, 2009.