

Contractor Sues

County — \$191,220

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County governmental center contractor Werner Jasper, filed suit against the county for breach of contract today, asking \$191,220 in damages.

The suit, filed by Jasper's attorney Eugene Adams, capped a stormy year of disagreements over alternate bids on the \$6.7-million project.

It specifically covers an alternate for parking lot site work. Jasper claims that architects Burton Rockwell and Richard Banwell "negligently and carelessly drafted the language of plans and specifications" in the alternate.

So, Jasper claims, the county should have done all the electrical work, chain link fencing, drainage piping, concrete light poles, and the grading.

Instead, the county has forced Jasper to do the work under threat of canceling the contract, the suit claims, and it has cost the contractor \$40,000 more than the contract calls for.

The county already has given in to Jasper on one argument over the alternates. When Jasper claimed he was notified too late that the alternates were accepted, and threatened to sue, the county agreed to a compromise whereby some of the work would be done by public works department crews.

County officials, however,

have rejected Jasper's latest claim. The contractor's suit claims the county made "false representations" in its bid contract. The county has breached the contract, ordered Jasper to do the work, and will not pay for it, the contractor says.

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