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NEWTON (WKVS) The Catawba County Commissioners approved the contract for construction on the expansion of the Justice Center and Public Safety Building. The Hickory Daily Record reports that Hickory Construction Company was given the 23.6 million dollar contract. The expansion will be close to 126,000 feet. The new part of the building will include two new courtrooms on the ground floor and another on the second floor, a new 911 communications center, new screening and x-ray entry area, and a vending area. A new temporary entrance will have to be created and the work on the project will last about two years.

GEORGE HILDEBRAN (WKVS) No one was injured in a fire early yesterday morning in Burke County. The home suffered smoke and water damage. The fire is thought to have begun around the water heater. Fire fighters were called around 8:15 yesterday morning to the home in George Hildebran. Three fire departments responded to the blaze.

HICKORY (WKVS) A Hickory man who was wanted for attempted murder turned himself in on Sunday. Hickory Police Officials say that 30-year-old Jakeco Lee Johnson is accused of shooting at another man Saturday. The shot that was fired hit a home. Johnson was jailed under a \$175,000 bond and charged with felony attempted murder, felony firing a firearm into a home, and possession of a weapon by a felon.

HICKORY (WKVS) A new 6 story hotel is said to be in Hickorys future near Lenoir Rhyne Blvd. The Hickory Daily Record reports that a building permit was issued on Oct. 18th and will be good through July 2014. The Hotel will be a Hilton Garden Inn and will be around 77,000 square feet.