

The Court House Located

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After many weary hours of uncertainty and worry the county commissioners last Friday night at 10 o'clock succeeded in reaching a decision in the problem of the location of the county court house and jail. As stated last week Chairman Husky wanted the buildings on the hill west of the Frisco passenger station; Mr. Morton's choice for the site was south of the A.C. tracks, near the Goldman grocery, while Mr. Bryant said he would be satisfied with a location anywhere east of the business section of the city. There seems to be no possibility of the members getting together and they kept making propositions to each other until finally Mr. Husky gave up his site and intimated that he would come over to Mr. Bryan's [sic] way of thinking and join him for a location in the eastern portion of the city. Mr. Morton still held out for his choice on the south side, and late Friday night Messrs. Husky and Bryan [sic] got together on block 95, the first block east of the Freeman hotel on Duke Street, and there it will be built. The consideration for the site being \$8,000.

Messrs. Donathan & Moore, contractors of Wilburton, Okla., have been awarded the contract of erecting the buildings at \$107,000, and work will begin at once.