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# More discounts realized in Cochranon stadium upgrades

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VERNON TOWNSHIP — Crawford Central School Board voted to approve the kinds of contract changes that warm a board member’s heart at its meeting Monday — changes that reflect cost savings on major construction projects.

The project in question involved work at the Cochranon Junior-Senior High football stadium, where new home-side bleachers, a new concession stand and a new press box were installed.

While the Cardinals lost Friday in the first game played since construction was completed, Dave Dickson, director of buildings, grounds and transportation, was pleased with the debut of the new facilities.

“I’m glad we went with the extra seating capacity,” he said of the new stands, which seat 902 spectators, significantly more than the 548 that could squeeze into the old bleachers.

From Dickson’s spot on the sideline, where he was working the chain gang during the game, he could see the new press box being used by several media representatives.

“Everything was wide open,” he said, referring to the removable windows in the new building. “Everybody was filming. ... I think it’s going to turn out real good. I heard some pretty good things.

“It’ll be there for a long time,” Dickson said of the new facilities.

The contract changes reflected an overall decrease of nearly \$22,500 from the originally budgeted cost of \$496,000. When the board approved bids for the project in March, the cost was already significantly lower than the \$633,000 that had originally been estimated.

When he announced the decreases at the August work session, Dickson gave credit to the contractors involved.

The largest portion of the savings — more than \$18,000 — came from the \$249,000 general construction contract with Milcam Inc. of Brookfield, Ohio. Three other contractors, Roy C. Deeter Plumbing and Heating, Stadium Solutions Inc. and McCurley Houston Electric Inc., also accounted for savings ranging from \$300 to \$2,900 on their individual contracts.

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