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**BANTERRA ANNOUNCES DONATION OF PROPERTY FOR MASSAC COUNTY COURTHOUSE;  
NEW BRANCH TO BE BUILT IN METROPOLIS**

**Metropolis, IL** – Banterra Bank announced a property donation to Massac County valued at an estimated \$3.5 million. The building will be used for government functions now housed in the Massac County Courthouse. The property includes **Banterra Bank's** current Metropolis location at 101 W. Eighth Street as well as residential property at 802 Ferry Street. **Banterra** also announced that the company will build a new branch facility located at 519 and 521 Ferry Street in Metropolis. The current branch will remain in operations until the new facility is completed, estimated June 2015 at which time Massac County will then take possession of the building.

“Massac County was trying to find a solution for their 1942 courthouse building that is in need of considerable repairs,” said Jeff May, President of **Banterra Bank**. “Our Metropolis branch is a large facility that has a sizable community room that we offered for courtroom use to Massac County in April. It’s a good opportunity for our bank to build an efficient, state-of-the-art branch to serve the Metropolis community while also donating a modern facility to serve Massac County’s government needs.”

Jeff Weber, Chairman of the Massac County Board of Directors, stated that the county is taking swift action regarding this generous donation, with phase one including a consulting firm that has been hired to evaluate the current Banterra Bank facility to determine best use of this space for Massac County’s needs.

“We could not be more excited about **Banterra's** generous donation of this property for the government’s needs currently housed in our Massac County Courthouse,” said Weber. “In addition to it being a facility that will function better for our employees, it will be an opportunity for us to better serve our community and we look forward to moving into this space when **Banterra's** new Metropolis branch is completed.”

Massac County Courthouse was built in 1942 as part of Franklin D. Roosevelt’s Works Projects Administration (WPA) projects. The WPA project replaced the original Massac County Courthouse which was built during the Civil War, completed in 1862.

**Banterra Bank** began as a single bank in Ridgway, Illinois in July of 1975. Today, **Banterra** is one of the region’s largest financial institutions with \$1.2 billion in assets and more than 30 locations in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Missouri. **Banterra** entered the Metropolis market in 2000. For more information, call 866-BANTERRA (226-8377) or go to [www.banterra.com](http://www.banterra.com).

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