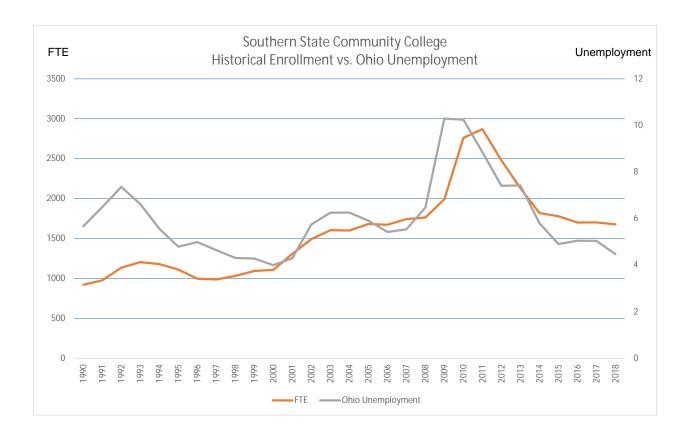
Adams County Campus Project Put on Hold

At its regular September 19 meeting, the Southern State Board of Trustees unanimously voted to reject all of the bids submitted by three construction firms to build the Adams County Campus. The lowest base bid submitted was \$1.3 million over the advertised estimate of \$3.25 million dollars. State law prohibits a state entity from entering into a contract on a project that exceeds its estimate by 10 percent or more.

In advising the board of this legal requirement, President Kevin Boys reminded the board of trustees that the Capital appropriation from the state of Ohio for this project remains in place and will be available for this project in the future. "That money is not going anywhere" Boys remarked. "We will continue to look for additional resources and a more competitive bidding environment." Mike Pell, college trustee and Adams County resident added, "We've already made a significant investment in purchasing 15 acres and architecture services for this shovel-



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