

# New Jail/Courthouse Renovation Project update

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With the reduction of the scope and the planning of the project, the processes and phases by which the jail/courthouse renovation would be done have changed to what can be more easily understood. The project will include the bare essentials that are needed to accomplish the required goals, those being:

- Construct a jail facility that meets the needs of today and the future in safety, size, and legal requirements
- Connect the jail so that taking inmates to and from court is done in a secure hallway away from the public to maximize safety and security of both staff and inmates
- Renovate the existing facilities so that the judges and court staff can go to and from the courtrooms without travelling through the public hallway
- Renovate the existing courthouse to address all outdated issues such as electrical, heating and cooling, plumbing, etc. and bring all these functions up to today's higher efficient standards whereby saving future operational and maintenance costs

The above tasks can be broken down into two simple phases of construction:

**Phase 1** would include the construction of a new jail and sheriff's office that would be attached to the east side of the existing courthouse. The existing jail and sheriff's office would continue to function as normal in their existing locations during this phase.

**Phase 2** would take place after the completion of Phase 1, when the inmates could be relocated from the old jail to the new facility, and the sheriff's department personnel could move into the new area. Phase 2 then would include renovating the existing courthouse, starting by removing the old jail from the second floor and constructing the new courtroom and court offices in that area of the second floor.

Both phases would take roughly 24 and 30 months to complete.

