



## DICKINSON COUNTY

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### **JAIL/COURTHOUSE RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2019**

Over the course of the past 6 months since the election took place County staff along with personnel from the Goldberg Group Architects have been working diligently to come to a final design for the new jail and sheriff's department and the renovation of the existing courthouse. Engineers and the Construction Management team of Loyd Builders have also been working hard to get the documents finalized so that we can put this project out for public bid to see what the actual costs of the project will be. As of today's date, we hope to have the documents ready to send out for bidders to review as soon as March 15<sup>th</sup>.

During the past couple months the professionals within the engineering and architectural area have been working hard to create the drawings that reflect every power outlet, electrical panel, light switch, computers, network wiring, window, hallway, door, locks, and so on. This is a daunting task, but one that these professionals are used to doing. It is critical that not only do we have an accurate set of plans to submit to bidders, but also that we have an adequate plan when doing so. The new facility **MUST** be safe and secure for not only the inmates but staff, and must be capable of serving the citizens of Dickinson County for many decades to come.

Currently the plan is to disseminate the plans to viable bidders on or about the 15<sup>th</sup> of March, and then give those firms 30 days to compile their bids and submit them back to the Construction Manager and the County for review. Once we have reviewed the bids to make sure they meet the criteria we have created, then the "lowest and best" bid will be recommended to the County Commissioners for approval.

Once a bid is accepted by the County Commission then that contractor will schedule their crews to get started as soon as possible on the new jail and sheriff's department. This should start within about 30 days, or sometime around the 1<sup>st</sup> of May. It is estimated that the new jail and sheriff's building will take about 12 to 14 months from start to finish, and then the courthouse renovation will begin. This phase of the project is expected to take 4 to 6 months to complete, making the whole project 18 to 22 months in duration.

During the project the Dickinson County Courthouse will remain open and citizens will still be able to conduct their normal business as they have come accustomed to doing.