

Facts & Details

County Courthouse Expansion Overview

Why are Commissioners considering a new administration building?

In the 2018 adopted budget, the County Manager highlighted the need for more physical space for public safety agencies housed in the County Courthouse that includes the 18th Judicial District, District Attorney's Office, and Sheriff's Office operations. Over the past year and a half, County staff have been researching solutions to these space needs through space programming and reviewing available buildings throughout the community to fit the County needs. The District Attorney's space needs are critical and immediate with the Sheriff's and Court's less urgent but approaching.

Which County functions would move to a new building?

To provide more space in the County Courthouse for District Court and the District Attorney, the new buildings would house the County Commission, County Clerk, County Treasurer, County Register of Deeds, County Counselor, County Manager, Facilities, Finance, Human Resources, and some functions from Information Technology.

What is the total cost of the building over a 25-year period?

\$18.5 million to \$25.9 million depending on number of floors, utility costs, furniture and equipment, A&E fees, and a project contingency.



What are some benefits of moving these functions to the Courthouse Expansion ?

The County would not have to purchase land and there is adequate parking to meet the needs of staff and the public. It would have a separate entrance for the public and keep primary County administrative operations, which citizens do business with, on the same campus. The building would have lower utility costs creating lower lifecycle cost. This building would provide the ability to design a facility to meet current and future organization needs to maximize employee efficiency and collaboration for years to follow.

What are some disadvantages to moving these functions to the Courthouse Expansion?

The County would be required to demolish the current District Attorney's Office Annex to make room for the new structure. This would displace current operations housed in the main Courthouse as part of the construction of a new building. There would be higher upfront costs although lower lifecycle costs of a new building.



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