

Facts & Details

Riverview Building 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?

\$18.2 million to \$20.4 million including utility costs, repair, remodel, building purchase, non-tax roll status to the County, a lease termination fee, furniture and equipment, A&E fees, and a project contingency.

What are some benefits of moving these functions to the Riverview building?

It is a 35-year-old, well-maintained building with adequate parking stalls to accommodate staff and members of the public. The building's 91,700 square feet of space would allow for current needs and some future growth.



What are some disadvantages to moving these functions to the Riverview building?

Due to its age there are certain repairs needed to make the building a feasible option for County operations and it would have higher utility costs than a new building. IT fiber from the Ronald Reagan building to the Riverview building would be needed to support County operations. The County's purchase of the building would take it off the tax roll affecting the County, City and USD 259.

There is limited availability to the building because of current tenants. The floor plan structure would pose a challenge in overall layout and would provide limited space for a County Commission meeting room.

A separate administrative building is likely to create logistical issues involving Information Technology, Printshop/ Mailroom, and Records Management. Based on initial discussions, employee productivity and collaboration could be affected with employees traveling between two buildings. For citizens trying to conduct business with the County, District Attorney, and the District Court, it could be confusing, and in some cases, an inconvenience navigating the two buildings.



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