

Jail Fact Sheet

Old Jail

- Built in 1963 (56 years old and ninth oldest in the State of Michigan and in the top 5 of the jails in worst condition)
- Originally designed to house 47 inmates it received two additions (1983 & 1988) to increase capacity to 132 inmates
- Kitchen, lobby, storage, and other support and resource areas were not increased in size despite having to operate with a 181% increase in inmate population
- The jail has been operating 24/7 365 days per year with three times the capacity it neither designed or intended to accommodate. This exorbitant amount of inmates has overtaxed every system in the jail and has promoted accelerated deterioration.
- The current antiquated linear jail has constant mechanical failures causing constant interruptions which makes it operationally dysfunctional, staff inefficient, and unsafe.
- All infrastructure systems like the roof, plumbing, heating, cooling, electrical and locks are beyond their useful life
- A recent MDOC inspection found that the cells were in terrible condition. Visually present were rust, corrosion, standing water, and mold. There was no access to natural lighting, ventilation was poor, and asbestos is present. The report concluded that a new facility is warranted.
- The county's jail feasibility study concluded that it was not feasible to continue the use of this jail. Their finding determined that the cost of renovation exceeds the cost of new construction.
- A recent energy audit revealed that the current jail's Energy Utilization Index is very poor and energy usage is 52% more than the national average for prison/incarceration facilities.
- The jail's current design prevents staff's ability to comply with state standards. This in turn has greatly increased the county's liability. For example with maximum cells being closed this results in the failure to separate minimum, medium, and maximum security inmates.
- Cost of renovation exceeds cost of new construction at a different site (land would need to be purchased, inmates housed elsewhere during construction, environmental health issues to employees, and security issues make renovation costly)

Proposed Jail

- Proposed location on county owned property

- 224 beds which would allow preventive maintenance and more secure detention of inmates
- Pod style design has central control room for constant visual sight of all inmates
- Operation systems like kitchen and laundry built to handle future expansion if another pod is added
- First juvenile holding facility
- Facility includes space for mental health personnel
- Classrooms for community programming and instruction such as substance abuse, GED, and religious services
- Video visitation allows for inmates to always remain in secured areas
- Road patrol will have offices for writing reports
- Road patrol will be able to check and equip vehicles indoors prior to going on the road
- Several secure interrogation/interview rooms will allow concurrent questioning of suspects
- Detective bureau will have updated evidence processing and storage facilities
- New facility will house animal control officer and emergency management EOC

Summary

- This facility is for the community and the deputies tasked with overseeing inmates. It is not a facility designed to make inmates more comfortable. It will have the same concrete and metal cells.
- Safer for the community as inmates will always be in a more secure environment
- Designed with basic necessities to serve the public for the next 50-60 years
- County employees will have a safer and healthier work environment
- Hardworking county residents deserve to have their tax dollars spent on the operation of a more cost and energy efficient facility

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The "Citizens for a Safe Community," is a Nonpartisan, State of Michigan Registered Ballot Question Committee; Supporting the Special Ballot Proposal May 7th, 2019 for the Proposed Millage to Fund the New Shiawassee County Jail Facility.

Our Objective is to Educate the Voters of Shiawassee County just how badly we must replace the Shiawassee County Jail.

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