

CCJCC: Law Center Replacement Project Timeline

2008

- Clinton County experienced overcrowding in the County Jail.
- National Institute of Corrections (NIC) completed a Jail and Justice Needs Assessment.

2008

- NIC stated the current facility is "obsolete and the problem is the jail itself; it would be insufficient if it were empty."
- NIC recommended to begin immediate planning to replace the Clinton County Law Center.

2009

- Clinton County formed the Clinton County Justice Coordinating Commission (CCJCC).
- Four subcommittees were formed with the goal of eliminating inefficiencies in the justice system and reduce inmate overcrowding.

2010

- Clinton County attended A National Institute of Corrections (NIC) "Planning of a New Institution" (PONI) conference to learn steps to undertake in the replacement facility planning process. CCJCC has followed the flowchart developed at this training.

2011

- CCJCC researched alternatives to incarceration such as Drug Courts and Mental Health Courts.

2012

- Courthouse security development and planning took place.

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2013

- CCJCC completed the RFP for jail assessment and a Justice Needs Assessment by ShiveHattery. This study confirmed the needs and bed size of a replacement facility.

2014

- CCJCC met with other counties who have successfully and unsuccessfully passed bond referendums for Jail facilities.
- The commission toured modern jail facilities to learn about design and specifications, staffing, safety and lessons learned.

2014

- October - December, 2014: CCJCC followed the Department of Justice (DOJ) publication guidelines for Site Selection and citizen engagement, completing Site Evaluation and Selection with a Committee consisting of staff and citizens. The Courthouse campus was selected as the best site for longterm and lifecycle costs.

2015

- May - October, 2015: CCJCC and a Staff/Citizen committee completed proposed architectural design drawings. Input from the Historic Preservation Commission was sought and integrated in designs.

2015

- June - September, 2015: CCJCC studied the details and benefits of a Public Safety Authority (PSA) and formed a "Blue Ribbon Panel" for the purpose of studying whether a PSA should be implemented in Clinton County. The BRP recommended pursuing a PSA.

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2015

- December, 2015: BOS approved the "Stepping Up" Initiative Resolution for reducing the number of people with mental illness in Jails and connecting Clinton County with resources

2016

- 2015-2016: Community Outreach and project presentations, forums occur
- January 2016: CCJCC approves recommending May 3, 2016 for referendum date to BOS.

2016

- January, 2016: BOS approved setting May 3, 2016 as referendum date.
- 1.18.16: BOS approved hiring Ahlers & Cooney as outside counsel for purposes regarding County bonding issues for replacement Jail/CCSO/911 Communications Center and to create Resolution /referendum language

2016

- "Ninety Day Plan" for February, March and April 2016: Educational Sessions for County Staff; Continue with Civic group and nonprofit group presentations; Community Forums in all municipalities and cities in Clinton County, create project displays for Libraries and County buildings; social media campaign; Letters to Editors; monthly tours of current Law Center

2016

- February 2016 - Project Displays created and placed at six County Libraries and four County buildings. Displays consist of NIC studies, ShiveHattery Justice Needs Assesment, FAQs, Jail Inspection Reports, architectural drawings and early voting ballot requests.

2016