JUSTICE WITH DIGNITY

In order to provide for the public safety of the citizens of Jackson County, it is sometimes necessary to detain and house those who may harm themselves or others in the County Jail. Most of these individuals are awaiting trial, sentencing, or, if sentenced, incarceration at state institutions.

Jackson County will meet the community's needs by planning and building a detention center that is safe, secure, efficient to operate, and incorporates thoughtfully designed long-term solutions for the Jackson County Justice System.

One of the key elements of planning, building, and operating a detention center, is respecting the dignity of detained individuals. To accomplish this, the facility will provide evidence-based treatment and training opportunities that address the needs of the individual and the underlying causes of criminal behavior.

PURPOSE

Overcrowding and deteriorating facilities require the need for an upgraded Jackson County Detention Center. With a new facility comes a new approach.

Jackson County has established a multiphase plan to support the planning, design, construction, and activation of a new jail facility for its citizens.

The new facility will institute best management practices, and a better environment for detainees, visitors, and employees. It will include educational resources and social services programs—all aimed at making our community safer by reducing relapse into criminal behavior and helping to encourage productive members of society.



Team Selection

VALIDATION OF NEED

The first phase of the plan focuses on defining the needs of the facility. Needs will be determined by evaluating previous studies and collecting information from the existing facility. The research will then be condensed into a report that outlines the best data for understanding the long-term capacity requirements for the Jackson County jail system capacity needs.

PROJECTED DETAINEE POPULATION



PROGRAMMING PHASE

The Programming Phase will guide county officials to help facilitate the preparation of a new jail design that will accurately meet goals, objectives, and satisfactory conditions for the immediate and future county needs. This information will determine how the facility is built.

Through collecting data and defining the needs and accommodations, county officials and stakeholders will be able to understand how the new facility will be operated, maintained and fit inside the community.





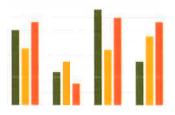
LOCATION

Where the facility is to be located will be based on the outcome of the final program and where the needs of the Jackson County Justice System can best be met.



PROJECT DELIVERY

An in-depth evaluation will help determine the best construction approach based on the financial and project management strategy. How the project is to be procured and developed should be decided by the beginning of 2021.



FUNDING

Once preliminary planning is completed, the County, along with its financial advisors, will evaluate the most efficient and cost-effective manner to pay for the new detention center.

