IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

NO. 1 COURT SQUARE, SUITE 203 PARKERSBURG, WV 26101

IN RE: MINUTES OF MEETING HELD

MONDAY, MAY 6, 2024

PRESENT: DAVID BLAIR COUCH, PRESIDENT

ROBERT K. TEBAY, COMMISSIONER JAMES E. COLOMBO, COMMISSIONER

At 9:30 A.M., the County Commission of Wood County met in regular session. They signed purchase orders, invoices and other correspondence.

AGENDA AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

At 9:30 A.M., the County Commission of Wood County, upon a motion made by James E. Colombo, seconded by Robert K. Tebay and made unanimous by David Blair Couch, did hereby AUTHORIZE David Blair Couch, in his official capacity as President and on behalf of the County Commission, to EXECUTE an Application for a Court Security Fund Grant with the West Virginia Division of Administrative Services/Justice & Community Services. Said grant application is in the amount of Two Hundred Six Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Nine Dollars and 00/100ths. (Order A/2938)

At 9:31 A.M., the County Commission presented the Spirit of Wood County award to Steve Altmiller, CEO of Camden Clark Hospital who is retiring soon.

The County Commission of Wood County, upon a motion made by James E. Colombo, seconded by Robert K. Tebay and made unanimous by David Blair Couch, did hereby Authorize bids to be let out and advertised for the purchase and installation of metal bollards for County owned buildings. (Order A/2941)

Having no further scheduled appointments or business to attend to, the County Commission adjourned at 9:58 A.M.

ORDERS APPROVED AND ATTACHED TO THESE MINUTES

A/2938 and A/2941

APPROVED:

THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY

David Blair Couch, President

Robert K. Tebay Commissioner

James Colombo, Commissioner

Wood County Commission Meeting Held May 6, 2024

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Wood County Commission Agenda

May 6, 2024 | 9:30 A.M. 1 Court Square Suite 203 Parkersburg, WV 26101

9:30 A.M.	Consider signing Court Security Grant	Gerald Brandsasse, Director- Court/Support Services
,	Present Spirit of Wood County to Steve Altmiller	
	Administrator's Report	Marty Seufer, County Administrator
	County Commission Reports	

Discussion, Review and Approval of expenditures and disbursements identified on Exhibit 1, hereto attached

Correspondence for this meeting will be available for public review during regular office hours in Room 205 of the Wood County Courthouse two (2) days prior to the meeting

Discussion, Review and Approval of the following items may be included during this meeting and are available for public inspection in the Office of the County Administrator two days prior to this meeting.

Budget revisions

Purchase orders and requisitions

Revisions, reimbursement requests, resolutions and correspondence for grants

Grant disbursements to other entities

Invoices for expenditures to be paid

Reimbursements for travel expenses

Bid specifications and procedures for bids previously authorized by the Commission

Monthly Hotel Occupancy Tax Collection disbursements

Disbursements for previously approved Innovative Programming Grants

Tax refunds, exonerations, impropers and consolidations

Probate items, including settlements, petitions and Fiduciary Commissioner reports

General Fund disbursements to entities

Funding requests from local organizations by written form

Payroll modification as submitted by elected officials

MAY 6, 2024

IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: THE COUNTY COMMISSION DID HEREBY AUTHORIZE DAVID BLAIR COUCH, AS PRESIDENT, TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION FOR A COURT SECURITY FUND GRANT.

ORDER

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A copy of said Application is attached to this Order and should be made a part thereof.

APPROVED:

THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY

David Blair Couch, President

Robert K. Tebay, Commissioner

James El Colombo, Commissioner

A/2938

WEST VIRGINIA DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES / JUSTICE & COMMUNITY SERVICES

COURT SECURITY FUND

GRANT APPLICATION PAGE-1

GRANT PROGRAM

			5	
1.	Applicant:	Wood County Sheriff	5	
	Address:	401 2nd St., STE 11	Grant Funds Requested: \$: 206,229	
		Parkersburg, WV 26101		
	Phone/Fax:	304-424-1924		
	FEIN#	556000417		
2.	Project Direct	ctor: Director G.L. Brandsasse	⁶ Authorized Official: David Blair Couch	
	Address:	401 2nd St., STE 11	Address: 1 Court Sq., Parkersburg, WV 26101	
	7144.000.	Parkersburg, WV 26101	,	
	Phone/Fax:	304-424-1911	Phone/Fax: 304-424-1984	
	Email:	gbrandsasse@woodcountywv.com	Email: dbc@woodcountywv.com	
3.	Fiscal Office	r: Marty Seufer	⁷ Project Period:	
	Address:	1 Court Sq.	Beginning Date: July 1, 2024	
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	Phone/Fax:	304-424-1976	Ending Date: June 30, 2025	
	Email:	seufer@woodcountywv.com		
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4.	Geographic .	Area Served: 377 square miles	8 Type of Application:	
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	Population:	84,296 (2020)		
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10.	Certification:			
	To the best	of my knowledge, the information co	ontained in this application is true and corre	ct.
			d by the governing body, and the applicant w	vill .
	comply with	the attached Special Conditions and	Assurances if grant assistance is provided.	
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	Authorized (Official: David Blair Couch	Wood County Title: Commission President	
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		COUNTY COMMISSION PRESIDENT	5/10/2024	
	Signature:	COUNTY COMMISSION PRESIDENT (ORIGINAL SIGNATURE)	Date: 5/6/2024	_

COURT SECURITY FUND

ITEMIZATION OF FUNDS BY CATEGORY PAGE 2

		PAGE 2	
Applicant: Wood County Sheriff	Local Matching Funds (If Applicable)	Grant Funds Requested	Approved (JCS Use Only)
Personnel/Contractual UNALLOWABLE	NO MATCH REQUIRED	\$0	
Travel/Training UNALLOWABLE		\$0	
Equipment (ITEMS COSTING MORE THAN \$5,000) 122 various pieces of equipment with an estimated cost of \$121,466; Miscellaneous installation supplies with an estimated cost of \$880;	\$206,229		
Other Labor with an estimated cost of \$65,135; 10% increase in that quote in anticipation of price increases and potential change orders prior to and during the contracted period with the vendor estimated to be \$18,748.			
Total Local Funds			
Total Grant Funds	\$206,229		
Total Approved Project	\$206,229		

COURT SECURITY FUND		BUDGET SUMMARY PAGE 3	
Applicant: Wood County Sheriff		Federal Employer lo Number: 556000417	dentification
Category	Court Security Funds (A)*	Matching Funds (if applicable) (B)	Total Funds (A + B)
Personnel/ Contractual	-0-		
Travel/Training	-0-		
Equipment	\$206,229		\$206,229
Other			
Total Budget	\$206,229		\$206,229

Total of column A shall be placed in the space on page one for Grant Funds Requested.

All funds must be rounded to the nearest whole dollar.

COURT SECURITY FUND

BUDGET NARRATIVE

PAGE 4

Provide here a justification and detailed explanation of the budget items shown on pages 3 and 4. (Add pages if necessary) This should contain criteria and data used to arrive at estimates and costs for all items listed. In completing the project budget narrative, please identify data by the major budget category involved. A prioritized listing of equipment needed to improve the security of the court facilities in the county, including <u>cost estimates</u> for such equipment. Please provide an explanation of additional staffing needed, if any, for requested equipment. (Court Security Funds will not pay for the additional personnel needed, if any, for the equipment).

The video surveillance system for each of the three Wood County Court Complexes is outdated, inadequate, does not provide sufficient coverage, often fails, and provide distorted and unidentifiable imagery. The funds requested in this application are for the equipment, installation, and training of all new Surveillance Camera systems within the Wood County Circuit Court, Magistrate Court, and Family Court. The obtained quote from a commercial vendor, obtained March 2024, was for \$187,481. The requested amount of \$206,229 includes a 10% increase in that quote in anticipation of price increases and potential change orders prior to and during the contracted period with the vendor. As Video Surveillance is considered a force multiplier, completion of this project will require no additional manpower to monitor and maintain the systems as existing County Court Officers, IT Technicians, and Sheriff Department Executive Staff would assume those responsibilities. This project would require 122 various pieces of equipment with an estimated cost of \$121,466; miscellaneous installation supplies with an estimated cost of \$880; and labor with an estimated cost of \$65,135.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION INSTRUCTIONS

On a separate page(s), present and explain the project using the following outline/format.

COURT SECURITY PLAN

1. An assessment of the existing security measures in place and any problems or shortcomings with existing procedures.

The current Court Officer/Bailiff allocation to the Wood County Sheriff is the minimum necessary to staff all required positions. The personnel and equipment in place are loosely adequate to protect the Judges, Staff, and citizens who utilize our three court complexes. On many occasions we have had to utilize Home Confinement Officers, Sheriff Deputies, and Holding Center Corrections Officers to augment the Court Officers for prisoner transport and Court Room Security. The full replacement of the Video Surveillance systems will be a force multiplier allowing increased observations and quicker responses. The Director of Court Services for the Wood County Sheriff is currently reviewing all security measures and procedures and implemental modern training, processes, and procedures as vulnerabilities are identified. Additionally, all Policies regarding Court Security processes are being updated. Parttime Court Officers are being added to the staff as the Court Officers have undertaken additional statutory responsibilities.

- 2. A description of how the county responds to court security emergencies and whether the response is adequate.
 - A formalized Security Emergency Response is being developed by the Director of Court Services. Currently, Wood County Deputies and Parkersburg Police Department Officers respond to situations as assistance is requested from any one of our Court complexes. Court Officers have recently been issued portable radios which allows them to make an immediate request for assistance through our consolidated Emergency Communication Center.
- A description and illustrated layout of the physical locations of court facilities around the county and a discussion of whether changes or consolidation of space could improve court security in the county. Included with this application are blueprints of each of our three Court Facilities.

The <u>Circuit Court</u> is located within a three-story building (with a basement) and additionally houses the County's Probation offices.

The <u>Family Court</u> is located within a single-story building that also houses additional County Services. The Family Court area is fully secured from the other entities which occupy the building.

The <u>Magistrate Court</u> is located within a single-story building that also houses additional County Public Safety Services.

Each of these three facilities is at capacity, not allowing any consideration for consolidation of space. Consolidation could only be

considered if there was a Capital Improvement project exclusively for a new Court Complex Building.

 An assessment of the training needs for bailiffs currently employed in the county or for additional bailiffs and the options for securing the necessary training.

The Director of Court Services has evaluated the individual and collective training of our current employed Court Officers. He has implemented a vigorous training initiative to ensure Court Officers are proficient in Technical and Tactical processes relative to their duties and responsibilities. Court Officers are additionally scheduled to undergo Legal, Mental Health, De-escalation, Drug Recognition, Explosive Recognition, and Weapon Recognition training. Court Officers are also being cross trained in all checkpoints, positions, and courts. The Director and the Sheriff are also exploring the fiscal feasibility of contracting a sixteen-hour Court Security Training Program with Essential Components and Best Practices for Effective Court Security which incorporate the presenters' experiences, input from court security professionals around the country, material from books and publications and the best practices of other organizations such as the U.S. Marshal's Service, Secret Service and National Center for State Courts, to be conducted locally.

5. A response to the court security audit performed by the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals or the United States Marshall Service.

The Court Security Audit of our three court facilities was conducted on July 10, 2023, by A.G. Angus. The following information is the recommendations of the Audit and our established course of action (COA):

Wood County Judicial Building – Deficiencies: "total of (19) cams, (14) internal and (5) external, no x-ray, three additional cameras were added one in each courtroom." Recommendation: "Cams for holding cell area and more external cams." COA: The awarding of this grant would fulfill that recommendation.

<u>Family Court</u> - Deficiencies: "total of (16) cams, (11) internal and (5) external, no x-ray, two cameras are out." Recommendations: "Metal detector is used every day and it is time for a new one. Better lighting on back of bldg. Ballistic material for window of clerk's office, a higher bench equipped with ballistics for guard at entrance." COA: We are exploring a service/calibration contract for all Metal detectors. County Maintenance is installing a "security" door and additional lighting during FY25 to the back of the building. Given the clerk area is only accessed after persons have gone through a security checkpoint, we are exploring the idea of replacing the glass with wire mesh glass which will prevent full breakage of the glass. We have ballistic panels, from the new 911 center, that we will be installing in the Guard desk area. The awarding of this grant would add additional cameras to the rear of the building and the waiting area adjacent to the clerk's office.

Magistrate Court – Deficiencies: "total of (41) cams, (26) internal and (15) external. SEE FAM. CT." Recommendations: None. COA: We are exploring a service/calibration contract for all Metal detectors. We have ballistic panels, from the new 911 center, that we may be installing in the Guard desk area. There are multiple Guards at this post. The awarding of this grant would increase and enhance video surveillance coverage of all areas of the complex.

- 6. Background of applicant including past experiences, capabilities, and why the grant is proposed.
 - It has been several years since Wood County has been awarded a Grant from the Court Security Fund, administered by the Division of Administrative Services, Justice and Community Services Selection. Over time we have worked to maintain appropriate security within our courts. As issues were presented, we addressed them the best that we could with the available fiscal resources that we had. Several Judicial entities have made us aware of numerous security vulnerabilities due to the age, inoperability, and inadequacies of our current video surveillance systems. The county is not able to allocate the level of funding which is required for the equipment, installation, and training of a new video surveillance system within the Wood County Circuit Court, Family Court, and Magistrate Court.
- 7. Justification for why your project should be funded.
 - a. <u>Enhanced Safety</u> the replacement and modernization of the Video Surveillance Systems of the Wood County Court facilities will bolster Judicial and Public safety thereby creating a safer environment for the execution of the total judicial process.
 - b. <u>Crime Deterrence</u> a modern surveillance system acts as a deterrent to criminal behavior. The presence of visible cameras and advanced monitoring capabilities can discourage potential offenders from committing crime, contributing to a reduction of criminal activities within our Court Complexes.
 - c. <u>Improved Incident Response/Force Multiplier</u> With upgraded technology, Court Officers, Sheriff Deputies, and other emergency responders can more effectively identify and respond to incidents in real-time, facilitating faster resolution and mitigating potential risks to judicial and public safety.
 - d. <u>Evidentiary Support</u> A new surveillance system will provide highresolution video footage that can serve as valuable evidence in criminal investigations and legal proceedings, increasing the likelihood of apprehending perpetrators and securing convictions.
 - e. <u>Strategic Location</u> The Wood County Court facilities serves as a strategic hub within the county surrounded by population center, economic activities and critical infrastructure requiring robust security measures. Investing in a new video surveillance system will safeguard vital assets and judicial infrastructure, ensuring the continuity of essential services and processes for Judicial stability.

- f. Community Well-being By investing in enhanced security measures, the grant funding will contribute to the overall well-being and quality of life for residents, fostering a sense of security and peace of mind with the county.
- g. <u>Cost Effectiveness</u> While there may be upfronts costs associated with a video surveillance system replacement, the long-term benefits, including reduced crime related expenses, improved emergency response, and enhanced judicial and public safety, outweigh the initial investment, making it a cost-effective solution in the long run.
- h. <u>Technological Advancements</u> The replacement of outdated surveillance technology with modern, state-of-the-art equipment will ensure that Wood County stays ahead of evolving security threats and technological advancements, positioning the community as a leader in judicial and public safety initiative.
- i. <u>Collaborative Effort</u> Grant funding for the video surveillance system replacement reflects a collaborative effort between state government, county government, law enforcement agencies, and community stakeholders, demonstrating a commitment to proactive security postures and community-oriented safety strategies.
- j. <u>Positive Impact</u> Ultimately investing in a new video surveillance system will have a positive impact on the overall safety, security, and prosperity of Wood County Judicial Officials and Citizens contributing to its reputation as a desirable place to live, work, and visit.

GOAL(S)

A prioritized list of all substantial and concrete goals this project will attempt to achieve and the reasons why each of these goals can be met by the grantee. These goals may be both short and long range.

Enhanced Security – Ensure the safety of Court Staff and the General Public by detecting and deterring unauthorized presence, unlawful activity, and perceived security threats.

Emergency Response – Facilitate rapid response to emergencies and incidents by providing real-time monitoring and alerting capabilities.

Safety Monitoring – Monitor all court areas to ensure compliance with safety regulations and protocols, identifying hazards, monitoring facilities and accesses and supervising high profile activities.

Crime Prevention – Actively deter criminal activity though visible surveillance cameras and monitoring, reducing the likelihood of incidents occurring.

Incident Investigation – Provide valuable evidence for investigating and resolving incidents and disputes which will aid law enforcement and legal proceedings.

Risk Management – Assess and mitigate potential risks by identifying vulnerabilities, evaluating security measures' effectiveness, and implementing proactive measures to minimize threats.

Operational Efficiency - Improve operational efficiency by monitoring workflow processes and optimizing resource allocation based on surveillance insights.

Data Analysis and Insights – Utilize advanced analytics and machine learning algorithms to extract actionable insights from surveillance data, such as identifying patterns, trends, and anomalies to enhance security strategies and decision-making.

Privacy Compliance – Ensure compliance with privacy regulations and ethical standards by implementing appropriate safeguards for handling and storing surveillance data such as encryption, access controls, and anonymization techniques.

Integration with Other Systems – Seamlessly integrate with other security systems, including access control, intrusion detection and alarm systems, to create a comprehensive security ecosystem with centralized monitoring and management capabilities.

OBJECTIVE(S)

Specific statements of desired achievement which reflect project emphasis. Objectives should be clearly qualified, time-framed, and measurable in terms of planned levels of project performance to be achieved. The results of objectives must be specific not general and must be recognizable and understandable. Above all, objectives must be achievable and feasible within specific time frames.

The primary objectives of the video surveillance system is to be a force multiplier to observe, detect, and deter relative to the security posture of the Wood County Court Facilities. This ensures the safety of the Judges, Court Officers, Court Staff, Prosecutors, Attorneys, Defendants, and general public within our court facilities. Once the implementation phase has been completed and verified, the video surveillance system will provide immediate Security Enhancement, Incident Detection, Evidentiary Data, and Operational Efficiency. Additionally, the system will allow the Executive Staff of the Sheriff Department the ability to continually assess and mitigate security risks through the identification of vulnerabilities, the evaluation of security measures and the implementation of proactive and corrective measures. The Executive Staff will further optimize operational efficiency through the identification of inefficiencies which will result in improving resource allocation and further analyze surveillance data to identify patterns, trends, and anomalies for improving security strategies and decision making. During the first year of implementation, and as technology evolves and changes, County Information Technology staff will integrate this system with other security systems for a centralized monitoring and management.

IMPLEMENTATION (Key Activity/Milestones)

Describe the major activities necessary to implement the project including an operational schedule for the project. This should incorporate specific activities, services, and procedures to be followed, and how achievement will be documented. A milestone (grant) chart is recommended which provides a clear timeline estimating the time necessary for each phase of this project.

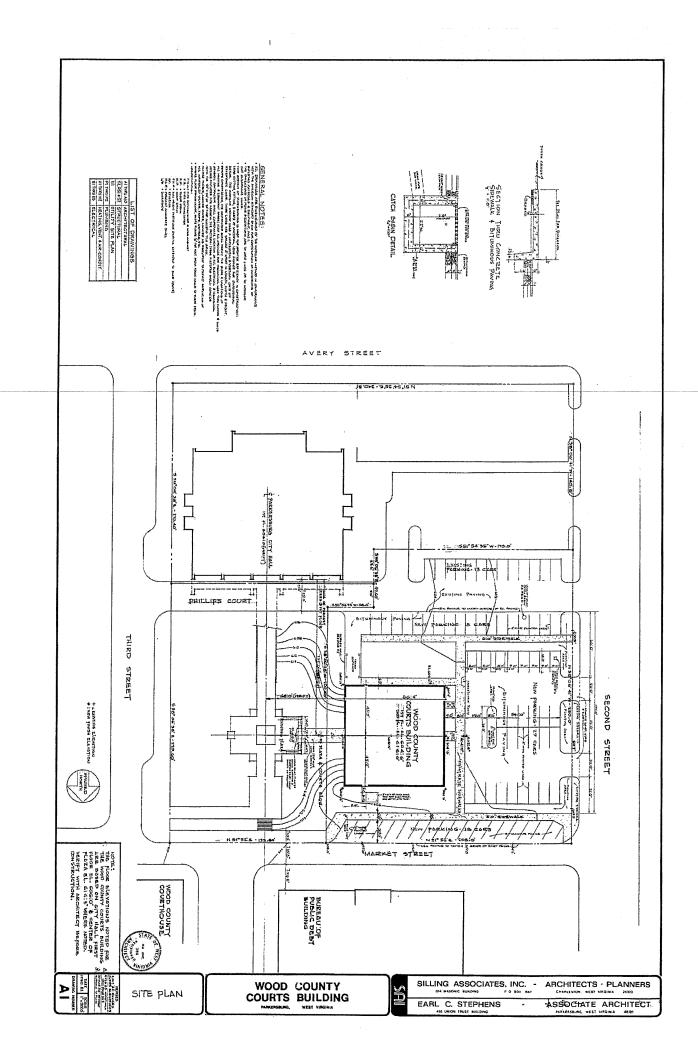
Upon awarding of the Grant, it will take two weeks to prepare the Scope of Work in the form of formal bid request. The bid request will be published for two weeks. It will take

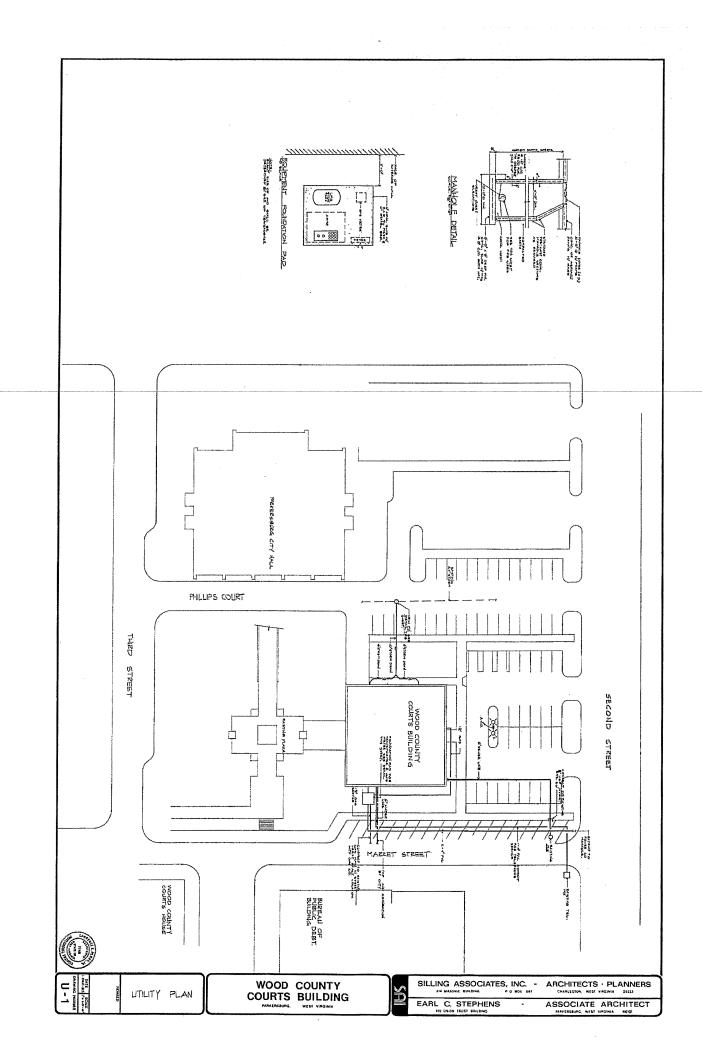
two weeks to review bids and award contract by means of publication of Purchase Order. The specifics regarding the installation, training, and implementation of the new systems would be at the discretion of the Vendor. Our estimate is as follows: Preparation and presentation of project plan which will include scheduling, testing plans, installation plans, training plans, and transition plan as well as acquisition and engineering approximately two weeks; full installation approximately 30 days; training one day; completion review one day; and project closure/archive one day. In total, it is anticipated that this project would be fully implemented within 90 days of receiving the Grant Funding Award verification.

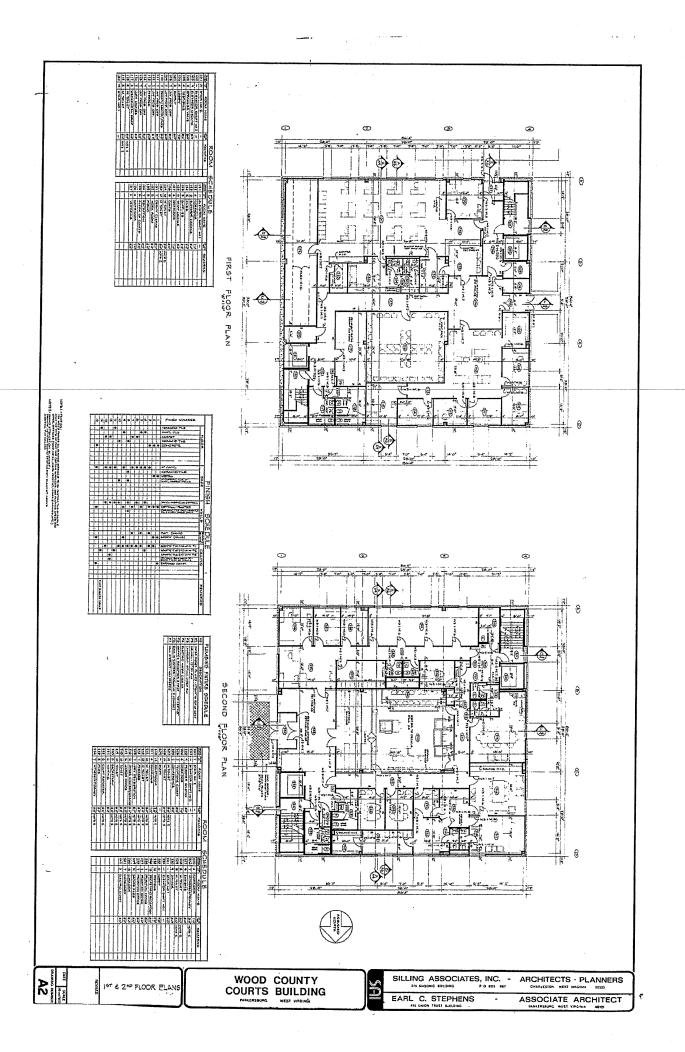
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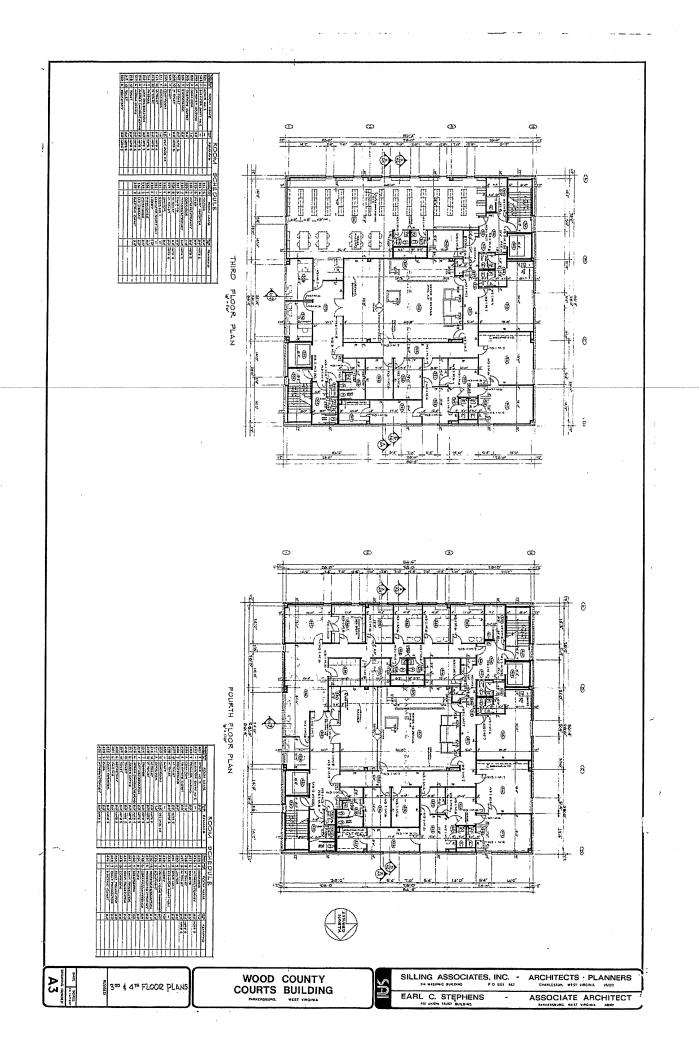
Specify the indicators and measures to be used to assess the results of this project as well as the means of collecting data. The methodology for the collection and type of measurements are important and should be clearly defined at the beginning of the project. Be sure to state who will perform the assessment.

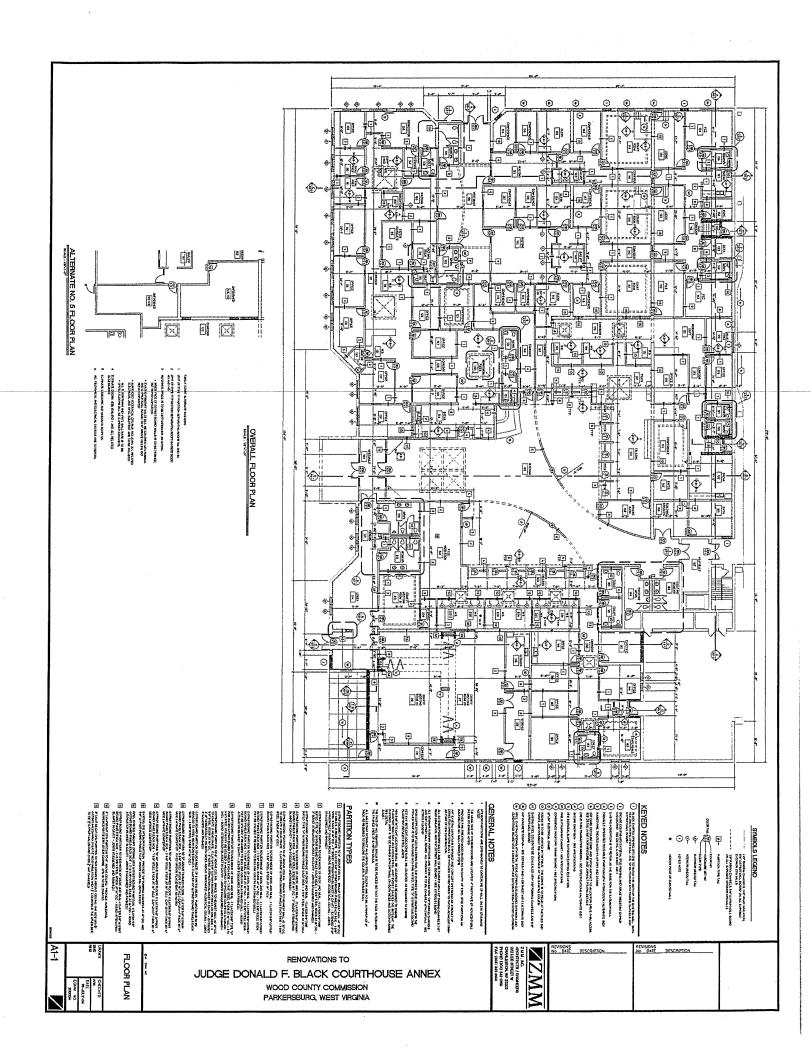
The Director of Support/Court Services for the Wood County Sheriff will be the Project Manager. He will work in conjunction with various County Departments from the awarding of the Grant thru the completion of the project. He will be responsible for verifying timelines are met and scope of work is completed. As the project is being completed, he will review images of installed hardware and recommend appropriate adjustment regarding field of view and coverage areas. Recordings of images will be made throughout the installation process to ensure all aspects of the project are being met. Hardware will be troubleshooted to simulate future situations, both day and night testing, which may affect the quality of the imagery. Redundancy and backup will be checked for power failure and system disruption. Test evaluations will be documented and saved, clearly marked "Testing Processes." A punch list will be established and cleared by the Director, County Information Technology staff, and the vendor.

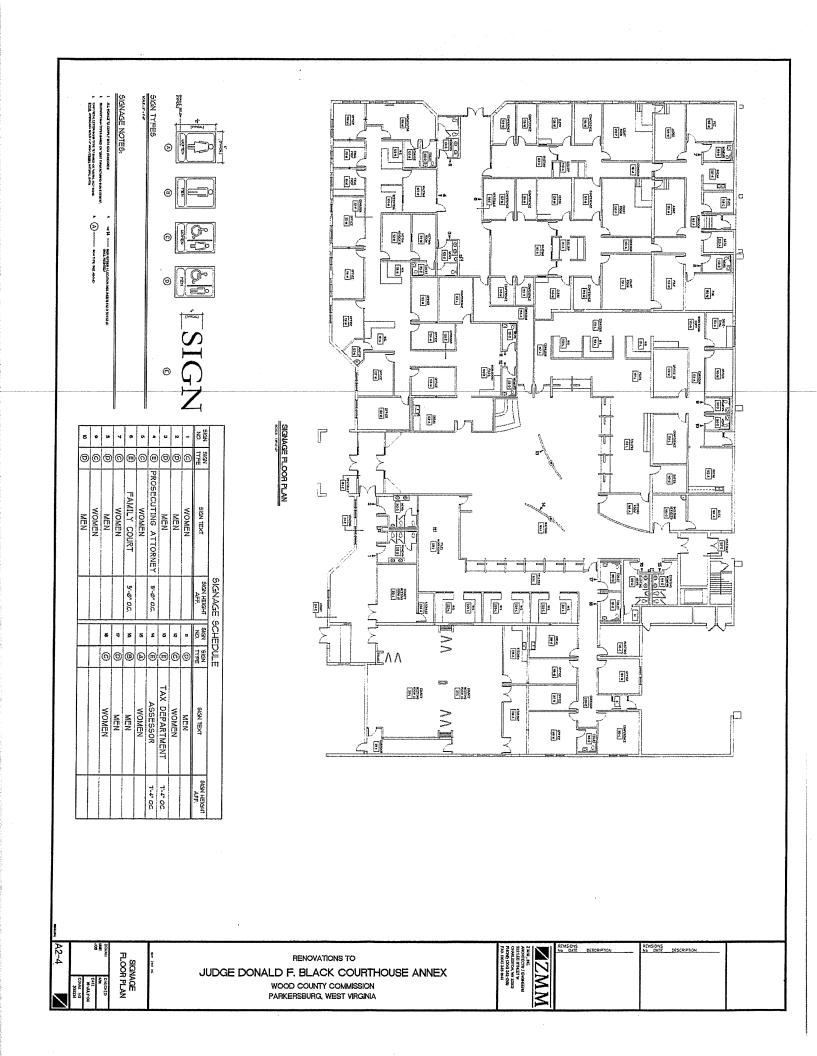


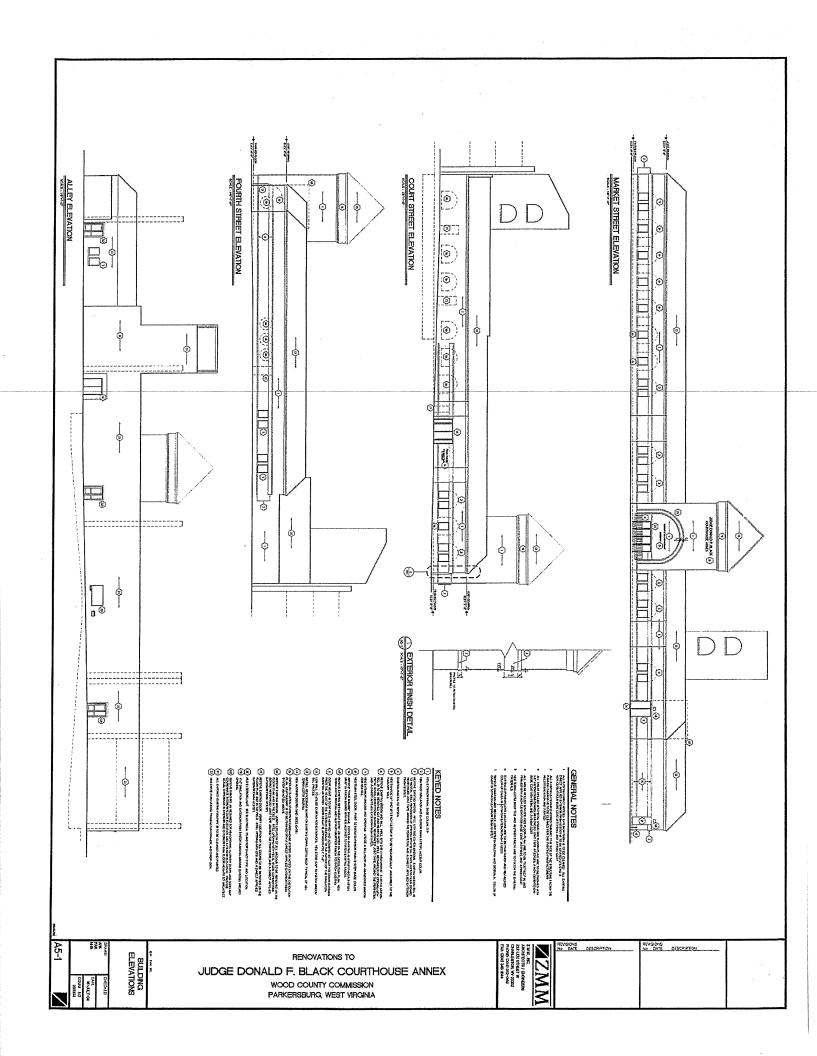


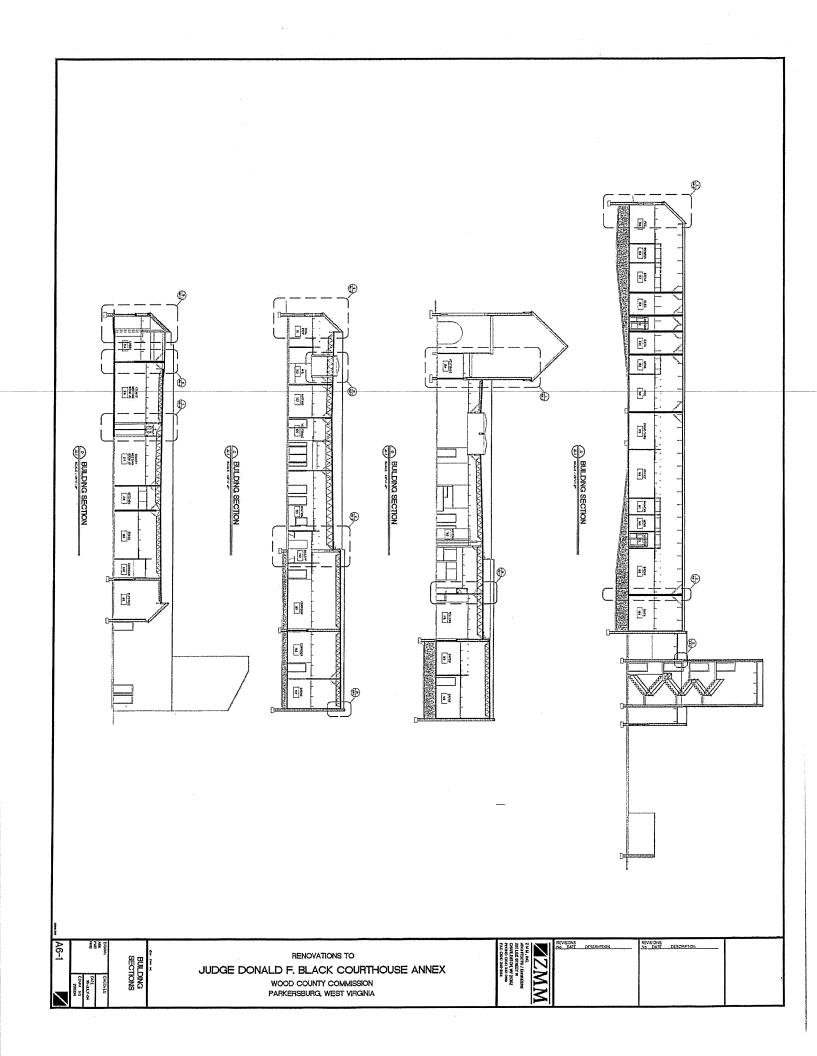


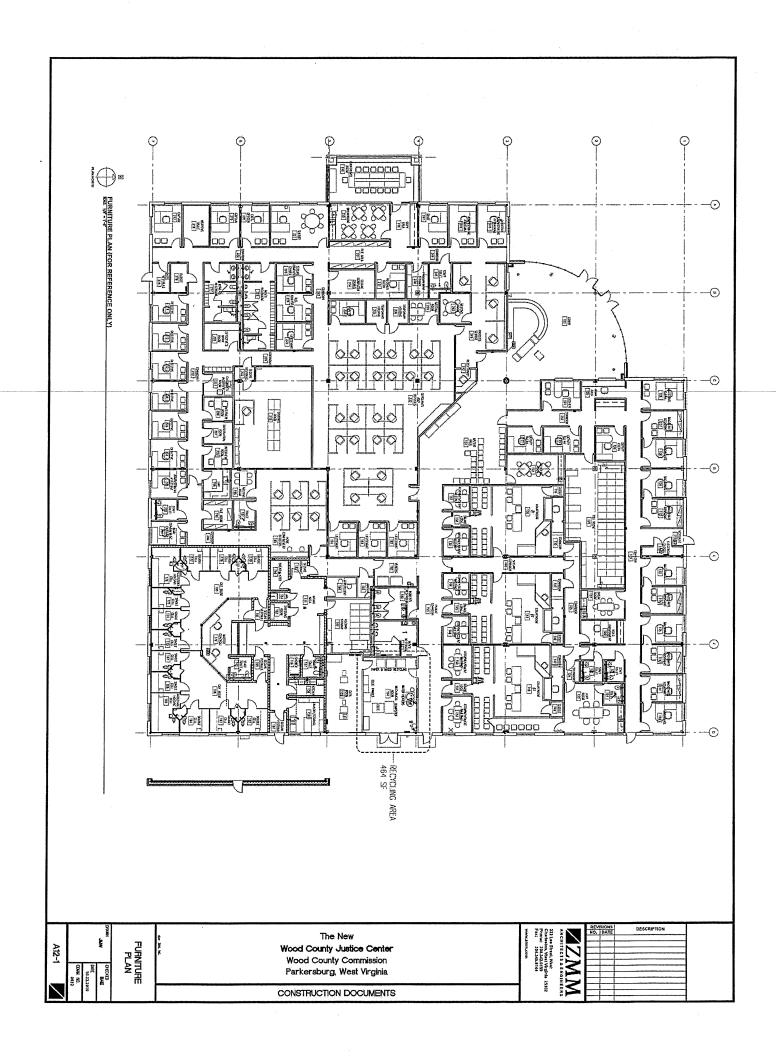


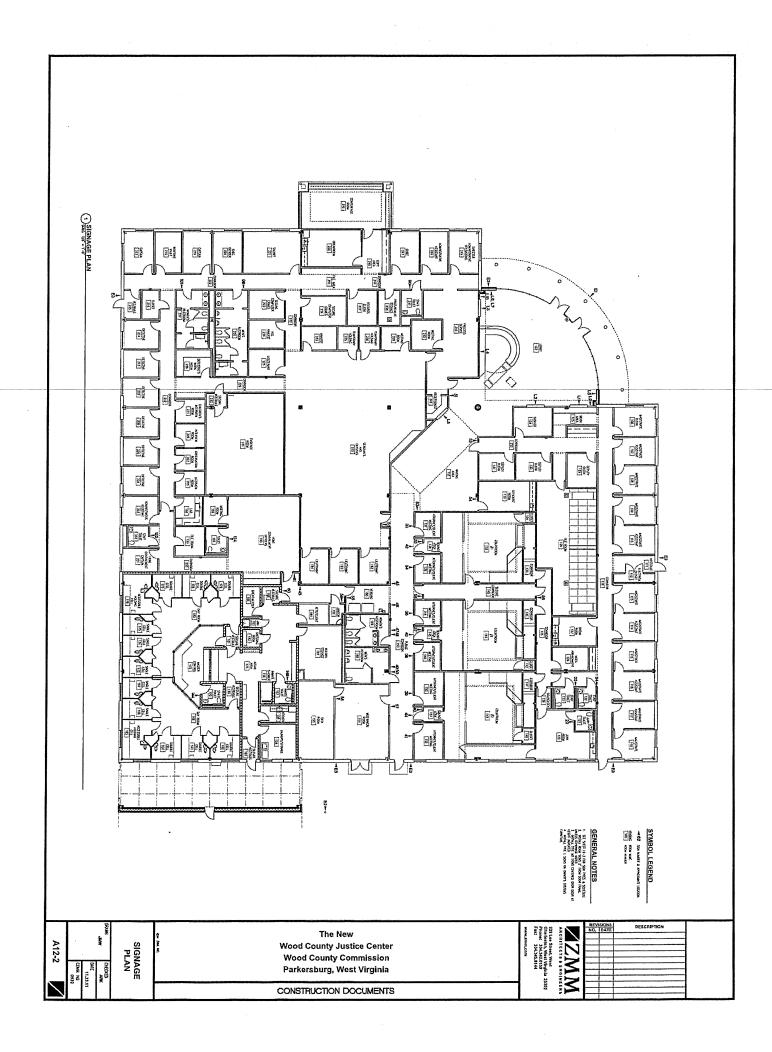


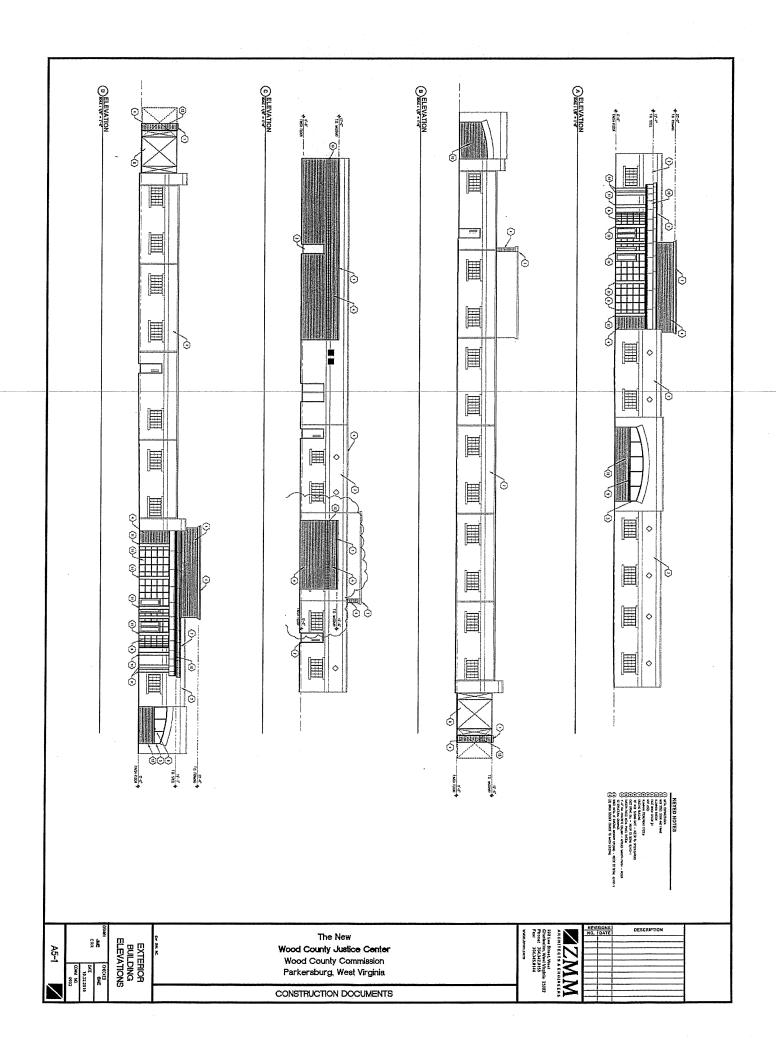












APRIL 22, 2024

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE WOOD COUNTY COMMISSION FOR A GRANT WITH THE WEST VIRGINIA DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES - FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPLYING FOR A COURT SECURITY GRANT.

Be it resolved by the Wood County Commission, Parkersburg, West Virginia, that the President of the Commission, be and is hereby authorized to, apply for a grant through the Court Security Grant Program to provide security items to enhance security measures in the County Court Buildings.

David Blair Couch, President

Certified to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Wood County Commission held on April 22, 2024.

Joe Gonzales, County Clerk Wood County Commission

Gerald Brandsasse

From: Gerald Brandsasse

Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2024 12:06 PM

To: Rick Woodyard; Celeste Ridgway; Pat Lefebure; 'ellen.smith@courtswv.gov';

'darren.tallman@courtswv.gov'; 'robert.waters@courtswv.gov'; 'john.beane@courtswv.gov'; 'jason.wharton@courtswv.gov';

'jody.purkey@courtswv.gov'; 'joe.kuhl@courtswv.gov'; 'robin.waters@courtswv.gov';

'brenda.marshall@courtswv.gov'

Subject: Court Security Grant Meeting

Attachments: Court Security Audit-July 2023.pdf

I am currently in the process of submitting an application for the FY 2025 Court Security Grant. As a requirement for the County to submit the application,

if your schedule will allow, I am requesting you attend a Court Security Meeting on Friday, April 26, 2024, at 3PM. The meeting will be held in the conference room at the Wood County Sheriff Office. The purpose of this meeting is to, as a collective group, prioritize your needs regarding the enhancement of Court Security.

If you are unable to attend, could you please have a representative attend for you. If that is not an option, please provide me an email which outlines what you believe to be the needs of your office regarding enhanced security for the courts. I would need this document prior to the meeting on April 26 so it can be included in the group discussion.

For your review, I have included the most current Court Security Audit which was conducted July 10, 2023.

Gerald L. Brandsasse Director Court & Support Services Wood County Sheriff's Office Wood County, WV

Office: 304.424.1911 Mobile: 304.991.8770

Email: gbrandsasse@woodcountywv.com



Gerald Brandsasse

From:

Wharton, Jason < Jason. Wharton@courtswv.gov>

Sent:

Friday, April 19, 2024 9:31 AM

To:

Gerald Brandsasse

Subject:

[EXTERNAL SENDER] RE: Court Security Grant Meeting

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I have talked with Sheriff Woodyard a couple of times recently about upgrading the camera system. There are several cameras that have a picture blurred to the extent that they are unusable and there are often sections of the video that skip or jump resulting in potentially missing important parts of the video. I am aware of two specific instances where this has occurred.

Jason

From: Gerald Brandsasse <gbrandsasse@woodcountywv.com>

Sent: Friday, April 19, 2024 9:23 AM

To: Wharton, Jason < Jason. Wharton@courtswv.gov>

Subject: RE: Court Security Grant Meeting

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Thank you Sir

Gerald L. Brandsasse
Director
Court & Support Services
Wood County Sheriff's Office
Wood County, WV

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From: Wharton, Jason < Jason. Wharton@courtswv.gov>

Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2024 3:29 PM

To: Gerald Brandsasse < gbrandsasse@woodcountywv.com > **Subject:** [EXTERNAL SENDER] RE: Court Security Grant Meeting

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Gerald Brandsasse

From:

Celeste Ridgway

Sent:

Friday, April 19, 2024 12:42 PM

To:

Gerald Brandsasse

Subject:

RE: Court Security Grant Meeting

Morning Gerald,

Thank you for holding this meeting and asking for any input any of us may have for the Circuit Court building. I am off on the 26th and won't be able to attend the meeting. I will send one of my Deputy Clerk's to represent our office.

Thank you,

Celeste Ridgway
Wood County Circuit Clerk
#2 Government Square
Rm 133
Parkersburg, WV 26101
Phone: (304) 424-1700
Fax: (304) 424-1804

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Subject: Court Security Grant Meeting

I am currently in the process of submitting an application for the FY 2025 Court Security Grant. As a requirement for the County to submit the application,

if your schedule will allow, I am requesting you attend a Court Security Meeting on Friday, April 26, 2024, at 3PM. The meeting will be held in the conference room at the Wood County Sheriff Office. The purpose of this meeting is to, as a collective group, prioritize your needs regarding the enhancement of Court Security.

If you are unable to attend, could you please have a representative attend for you. If that is not an option, please provide me an email which outlines what you believe to be the needs of your office regarding enhanced security for the courts. I would need this document prior to the meeting on April 26 so it can be included in the group discussion.

COURT SECURITY MEETING

3PM, April 26, 2024

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Darren Tallman	Family Court Judge	COT
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COURT SECURITY MEETING

3PM, April 26, 2024

Minutes

Persons Present: Ofc Pat Beaty (for Judge Smith-Fam Court), Judge Tallman-Fam Court, Chief Deputy Mike Deem (for Sheriff Woodyard), Kevin Day (for County Prosecutor Pat Lefebure), Director of Support/Court Services Gerald Brandsasse

Meeting started at 305PM EST

Day indicated that the primary concern from the Prosecutor's office were the inadequate and poor quality of the existing video systems.

Beaty provided Judge Smith's concerns to be lack of cameras for the waiting area and entry points. She also would like bullet proof glass within her area.

Deem provided Sheriff Woodyard's concerns to be the outdated video systems and cameras in each of the court buildings; the vulnerability of Family Court; and structural improvements to Circuit Court entry.

Judge Tallman indicated that his concerns were the same as Judge Smith's.

There was a group discussion on each of the items brought up. As a collective body, the group concurred that the primary point of interest should be a full replacement of the Video Surveillance System with each of the Court buildings. Other items discussed was the installation of Bollards in the front of each building entry; redesign of the entry to Circuit Court building which would extend the entry allowing placement of security checkpoint out of the 2nd floor lobby area; placement of ballistic glass and panels in Family Court Common areas; and active shooter training for Judges and staff.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 4PM EST

COURT SECURITY AUDIT

County	Wood PS 304-424-1746
Name o	of facility Wood County Judicial Building
Addres	s 2 Government Square
City_	Parkersburg Zip 26101
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Which	court system audited? Check one. ☐ Magistrate ☐ Family Court ✓ Circuit Court
Date si	te security audit conducted 07-10-23 A. G. ANGUS
i.	Do you have a Metal Detector(s):Yes No
	a. If yes, how many? (1)
	b. Where located? entrance
	c. Is it or are they in good working order? yesd. Is it used every day? If not, when used? yes
	e. Do you have an X-ray machine? Yes No 🗸
	1. Where located?
	2. Is it being used? Yes No No
2.	Are there cameras in the waiting area? Yes V No
	a. Are they working properly? Yes V No No
	b. Who monitors the cameras? Monitored internally by guard at the entrance/lobby cameras not working
	Is access to the employee and court area electronically controlled? Yes No
	a. If yes, who controls access? Card Reader/back doors
4.	Are the halls and corridors inside the controlled access area monitored by cameras?
	Yes V No V
5.	Who has duress alarms? Judge's offices, Judge's benches, secretaries and assistants
	a. Are they working properly? Yes No No
	b. If No, has the proper authorities been contacted to fix the problem? Yes No
	c. Is the 911 center or some twenty four hour supported law enforcement office
	monitoring them? Yes V No Who? monitored internally by guard and Sheriff Dept

6.	Do you have security surveillance cameras beyond the waiting area? Yes No / who is monitoring them?
	b. Are they being monitored in an area where the public could possibly get a clear
7.	view of same? Yes No No Does the Magistrate's or Judge's bench and witness box have ballistic material in it?
	Yes No No
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8.	Number of doors in courtroom (4) Three courtrooms a. Public (1)
	b. Controlled access yes
	c. Secure door for judge to enter and exit yes card reader
	d. Courtroom locked when not in use locked at night
	e. Small glass window in each door no
9.	Is the public screened prior to entering the courtroom? Yes No How How
10.	Seating capacity of courtroom 60
11.	Are there windows in the courtroom? Yes No V a. Are they covered Yes No
	b. Are these windows on the ground floor? Yes No
	c. Are they screened? Yes No No
	d. Are they barred? Yes No No
12.	Are there separate waiting rooms? Yes No
13.	Are there attorney/client conference rooms? Yes No
14.	Is there emergency lighting in areas with no windows? Yes No
15.	Is there lighting of the exterior of the building? Yes No
16.	Are there security cameras on the exterior of the building? Yes No
17.	Landscaping kept short and away from the building Yes No
18.	Do you have a bailiff? Yes No Can you get one? Yes No

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Deficiencies: Comments: total of (19) cams, (14) internal and (5) external, no x-ray, three additional cameras were added one in each courtroom.

Recommendations:

Cams for holding cell area and more external cams

From:

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COURT SECURITY AUDIT

Count	y_Wood PS 304-420-4876							
Name of facility Family Court								
Address 315 Market Street								
	City Parkersburg Zip 26101							
City	City Farkersburg 25.p							
Which court system audited? Check one. Magistrate Family Court Circuit Court								
Date s	ite security audit conducted 07-10-23 A. G. ANGUS							
1.	Do you have a Metal Detector(s): Yes No No							
	a. If yes, how many? (1)							
	b. Where located? entrance							
	c. Is it or are they in good working order? yes							
	d. Is it used every day? If not, when used? yes e. Do you have an X-ray machine? Yes No ✓							
	1. Where located?							
	2. Is it being used? Yes No							
2.	Are there cameras in the waiting area? Yes No							
۵.	a. Are they working properly? Yes V No No							
	b. Who monitors the cameras? Monitored internally by Sheriff Dept.							
3.	Is access to the employee and court area electronically controlled? Yes							
	No Cord Booder							
	a. If yes, who controls access? Card Reader							
4.	Are the halls and corridors inside the controlled access area monitored by cameras? Yes No No							
5.	Who has duress alarms? Judge's offices, both benches, case coord., secretaries, clerks,							
	pros office, tax dept., assessor's office							
	a. Are they working properly? Yes No							
	b. If No, has the proper authorities been contacted to fix the problem? Yes No							
	c. Is the 911 center or some twenty four hour supported law enforcement office							
	monitoring them? Yes ✓ No Who? 9-1-1 and PRIVATE CO.							

6.	Do you have security surveillance cameras beyond the waiting area? Yes No						
	 a. Who is monitoring them? monitored internally by Sheriff dept b. Are they being monitored in an area where the public could possibly get a clear 						
	view of same? Yes No						
7.	Does the Magistrate's or Judge's bench and witness box have ballistic material in it? Yes No No						
8.	Number of doors in courtroom (2)						
	a. Public (1)						
	b. Controlled access yes						
	c. Secure door for judge to enter and exit yes card reader						
	d. Courtroom locked when not in use locked at night						
	e. Small glass window in each door yes						
9.	Is the public screened prior to entering the courtroom? Yes V No How How						
10.	Seating capacity of courtroom 12						
11.	Are there windows in the courtroom? YesNo						
	a. Are they covered Yes No No						
	b. Are these windows on the ground floor? Yes No						
	c. Are they screened? Yes No No						
	d. Are they barred? Yes No No						
12.	Are there separate waiting rooms? Yes No						
13.	Are there attorney/client conference rooms? Yes No No No No No No No N						
1.4	Is there emergency lighting in areas with no windows? Yes No						
14.							
	a. Are they periodically inspected to insure that they are in proper working order? Yes No						
	working order: Tes						
15.	Is there lighting of the exterior of the building? Yes No						
16.	Are there security cameras on the exterior of the building? Yes V No						
17.	Landscaping kept short and away from the building Yes No						
18.	Do you have a bailiff? Yes No Can you get one? Yes No						

Deficiencies:

total of (16) cams, (11) internal and (5) external, no x-ray, two cameras are out.

Recommendations:

Metal detector is used everyday and it is time for a new one, better lighting on back of bldg. Ballistic material for window of clerks office, a higher bench equipped with ballistics for guard at entrance

CONTACT CHARLIE JOHNSON(SHERIFF'S ADMINISTRATOR. CELL-304-588-6880. CHECK ABOUT MONITORS FOR BAILIFF AT FAM. CT. AND FOR MONT. FOR THE CIR.CT. JUDGES, THEIR ASSITS, AND THEIR BAILIFFS. ALSO CHECK ABOUT X-RAY MACH. FOR CIR. FAM. AND MAG. CTS.

I TALKED WITH CHARLIE AND HE IS GOING TO CHECK ON ALL OF THESE MATTERS.

2021 TALKED WITH CHARLIE AGAIN ABOUT GETTING LAP TOP MONITOR FOR SECURITY IN THE HALLWAY.

2023 Got monitor for security in the reception area.

Erom:

COURT SECURITY AUDIT

Coun	y Wood PS 304-422-4250							
Name of facility Magistrate Court								
Address 208 Avery Street								
City_	Parkersburg Zip 26101							
Whic	Which court system audited? Check one. Magistrate Family Court Circuit Court							
Date:	site security audit conducted 07-10-23 A. G. ANGUS							
1.	Do you have a Metal Detector(s):Yes V No							
	a. If yes, how many? (1)							
	b. Where located? entrance							
	c. Is it or are they in good working order? yes							
	d. Is it used every day? If not, when used? yes							
	e. Do you have an X-ray machine? Yes No No							
	1. Where located? ENTRANCE 2. Is it being used? Yes No							
	2. Is it being used? Yes No No							
2	Are there cameras in the waiting area? Yes Vo							
2.								
	 a. Are they working properly? Yes ✓ No b. Who monitors the cameras? Monitored internally by Sheriff Dept. monitor in waiting area. 							
	b. Who moments the cameras:							
3.	Is access to the employee and court area electronically controlled? Yes							
	No Card Reader							
	a. If yes, who controls access? Card Reader							
A	Are the halls and corridors inside the controlled access area monitored by cameras?							
4.	Yes No No							
5.	Who has duress alarms? Receptionist, clerks office, magistrates and assistants, both benches							
	a Are they working properly? Yes V No							
	a. The the property: tes the training property:							
b. If No, has the proper authorities been contacted to fix the problem?								
	Yes No Conter or some twenty four hour supported law enforcement office							
	monitoring them? Yes No Who? 9-1-1 & BAILIFF'S DESK							
	monitoring titelli: 165 Y 170 William G DEON							

6.	Do you have security surveillance cameras beyond the waiting area? Yes \[\sqrt{No} \]							
	a. Who is monitoring them? monitored internally by Sheriff deptb. Are they being monitored in an area where the public could possibly get a clear							
7.	view of same? Yes No Does the Magistrate's or Judge's bench and witness box have ballistic material in it?							
	Yes No No							
8.	Number of doors in courtroom (3) all three courtrooms							
	a. Public (1) b. Controlled access yes							
	c. Secure door for judge to enter and exit yes card reader							
	d. Courtroom locked when not in use locked at night							
	e. Small glass window in each door no							
9.	Is the public screened prior to entering the courtroom? Yes No How							
10.	Seating capacity of courtroom 24 plus jury							
11.	Are there windows in the courtroom? Yes No No No No No No No No No N							
12.	Are there separate waiting rooms? Yes No							
13.	Are there attorney/client conference rooms? Yes No a. Are there locks and windows on the doors Yes No No No No No No No N							
14.	Is there emergency lighting in areas with no windows? Yes No a. Are they periodically inspected to insure that they are in proper working order? Yes No							
15.	Is there lighting of the exterior of the building? Yes No							
16.	Are there security cameras on the exterior of the building? Yes No No							
17.	Landscaping kept short and away from the building Yes No							
18.	Do you have a bailiff? Yes No Can you get one? Yes No							

From:

Deficiencies:

total of (41) cams, (26) internal and (15) external.

13 a locks on doors on the inside and no windows.

SEE FAM. CT

LOCKS CHANGED IN CONFERCE ROOM DOORS

Recommendations:

From:

FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
WOOD COUNTY JUDICIAL BUILDING
#2 GOVERNMENT SQUARE, SUITE 221
PARKERSBURG, WV 26101

JASON A. WHARTON, JUDGE Phone (304) 424-1721 Fax (304) 424-1726 WOOD & WIRT COUNTIES

April 29, 2024

West Virginia Division of Administrative Services Justice and Community Services Court Security Grant Program

To Whom it may concern:

I support the recommendations following the meeting conducted on April 26, 2024 which recommended a full replacement of the video surveillance systems in each court facility. I was unable to personally attend the meeting due to a hearing, but did submit my recommendations in writing prior to the meeting.

Sincerely,

Jason Wharton Chief Judge

TO: Division of Administrative Services/Justice and Community Services and Court Security

Staff

FROM: Family Court Judges

Date: April 29, 2024

We support the findings of the Meeting, conducted on April 26, 2024, which concluded that the primary point of interest regarding the Court security issues should be a full replacement of the Video Surveillance System with each of the Court buildings.

Darren Tallman

Judge

Wood County Family Court

Leson Th, Ellen Smith

Judge

Wood County Family Court

TO: Division of Administrative Services/Justice and Community Services and Court Security

Staff

FROM: Circuit Clerk

Date: April 29, 2024

I support the findings of the Meeting, conducted on April 26, 2024, which concluded that the primary point of interest regarding the Court security issues should be a full replacement of the Video Surveillance System with each of the Court buildings.

Celeste Ridgeway by: J. Williams, Capity

Circuit Clerk
Wood County

TO: Division of Administrative Services/Justice and Community Services and Court Security

Staff

FROM: Wood County Sheriff

Date: April 29, 2024

I support the findings of the Meeting, conducted on April 26, 2024, which concluded that the primary point of interest regarding the Court security issues should be a full replacement of the Video Surveillance System with each of the Court buildings.

Rick Woodyard

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Sheriff

Wood County

TO: Division of Administrative Services/Justice and Community Services and Court Security

Staff

FROM: Prosecuting Attorney

Date: April 29, 2024

I support the findings of the Meeting, conducted on April 26, 2024, which concluded that the primary point of interest regarding the Court security issues should be a full replacement of the Video Surveillance System with each of the Court buildings.

Pat Lefebure

Prosecuting Attorney

Wood County

TO: Division of Administrative Services/Justice and Community Services and Court Security

Staff

FROM: Wood County Magistrates

Date: April 29, 2024

We support the findings of the Meeting, conducted on April 26, 2024, which concluded that the primary point of interest regarding the Court security issues should be a full replacement of the Video Surveillance System with each of the Court buildings.

Jody Perkey

Joe Kuhl

Robin Waters

Brenda Marshall

MAY 6, 2024

IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: THE COUNTY COMMISSION DID HEREBY AUTHORIZE BIDS TO BE ADVERTISED FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF METAL BOLLARDS FOR COUNTY OWNED BUILDINGS.

ORDER

On this date, the County Commission of Wood County, upon a motion made by James E. Colombo, seconded by Robert K. Tebay and made unanimous by David Blair Couch, did hereby Authorize bids to be let out and advertised for the purchase and installation of metal bollards for County owned buildings.

APPROVED:

THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WOOD COUNTY

David Blair Couch, President

Robert K. Tebay, Commissioner

James E Mombo, Commissioner

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Check Register Report for Wood County Commission

Check No 5376	Vendor Id CHILD	Vendor Name CHILD SUPPORT ENF DIV	Type REGULAR	Check Date 04/30/2024	Check Amount 737.08	Rec
5377	EMPOWER	EMPOWER RETIREMENT	REGULAR	04/30/2024	65.00	
5378	IRS-PAY	DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY	REGULAR	04/30/2024	96,891.12	
5379	NRS	NATIONWIDE RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS	REGULAR	04/30/2024	1,694.00	
5380	OH ST TX	TREASURER OF STATE OF OHIO	REGULAR	04/30/2024	1,467.52	
5381	WV ST TX	WV STATE TAX COMM- INCOME	REGULAR	04/30/2024	26,480.24	
5382	MONPOWER	MON POWER	REGULAR	04/30/2024	19,189.62	
5383	EMSRS	EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES	REGULAR	04/30/2024	3,606.00	
5384	WV DEPUTY	WV DEPUTY SHERIFF'S RETIREMENT	REGULAR	04/30/2024	• 42,989.92	
5385	WV RETIRE	WV PUBLIC EMP RETIREMENT	REGULAR	04/30/2024	89,053.68	
177490	AMERICAN	AFLAC	REGULAR	04/30/2024	68.44	
177491	OHIOCHILD	OHIO CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTRAL	REGULAR	04/30/2024	71.40	
177492	WASHINGTONH	WASHINGTON NATIONAL INSURANCE CO.	REGULAR	04/30/2024	792.00	
177493	WESTERNSO	WESTERN & SOUTHERN LIFE	REGULAR	04/30/2024	54.10	
		283,160.12				
Report Totals					283,160.12	

