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REDWOOD COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER NEARS COMPLETION

Redwood Falls, Minn. - Redwood County Justice Center nears completion, and demolition of the Courthouse is scheduled.

Addressing the numerous security and infrastructure issues of the century-old Courthouse has been a point of concern for a number of years. In 2004 the County began reviewing solutions to resolve the numerous issues of the building. In 2018 it was determined the development of a new facility outweighed the value of the Courthouse building. As a result, the Commissioners authorized moving forward with the construction of a new Justice Center, with Wold Architect and Engineers, and Contegriy Group Construction Management to provide project oversight.

The decision to build a new facility did not come lightly. The Courthouse has been a long-standing asset in the County since it was built in 1891. Numerous modifications made to the Courthouse over the years, to include the 1960 addition. Due to those changes the building does not qualify for a National Historic Registry designation. In an effort to preserve the historical elements of the building, pictures have been taken and will be hosted on the County website for the public to view. During demolition, the Commissioners have requested measures be taken to preserve the historic 1891 Courthouse arch located on the west side of the building. If successful, the arch will be displayed.

Construction of the new Redwood County Justice Center is on schedule. Activities are underway to transition into the new building before it is open to the public. One of the activities is the demolition of the Courthouse, which is tentatively slated for August 22, 2022.

The demolition process will take effect August 1 through mid-September, which means the Courthouse, and the new Justice Center are not open to the public for in-person services. If you need assistance, contact Court Administration or County Attorney's office by phone. Court Administration can be reached at (507) 616-4800 and the County Attorney's office at (507) 637-4010, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Following the demolition of the Courthouse, site work will be completed for the installation of sidewalks and parking lot, between mid-September through November.

Watch for announcements regarding the sale of excess office furniture and equipment mid-August.

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