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# Fond du Lac County

Sheriff's Office & Jail

County Board Presentation

November 21, 2024

## 1. Judicial Concepts

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- Judicial Site Plan Concept

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# JUDICIAL CONCEPT

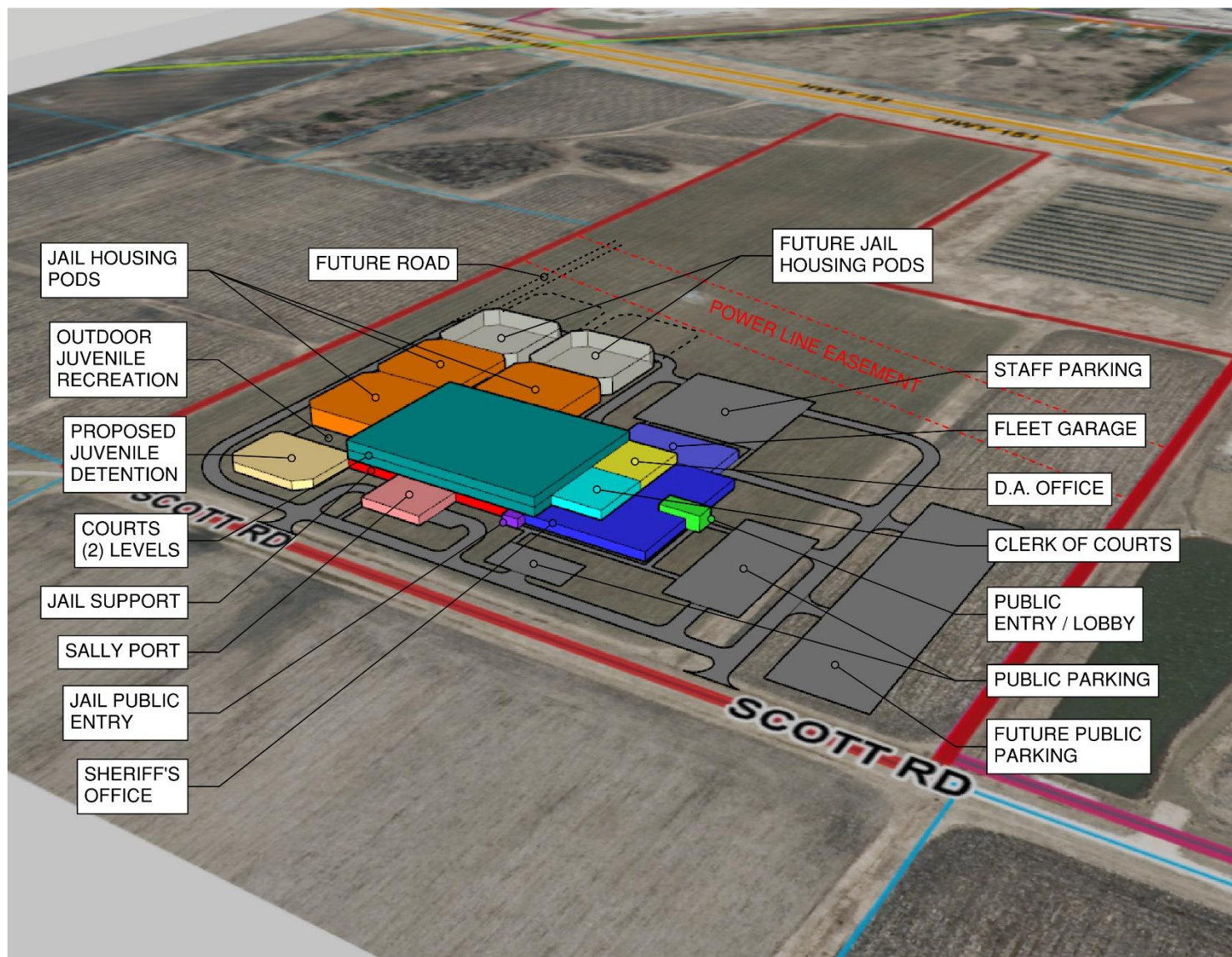
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## CONCEPT— New Justice Center



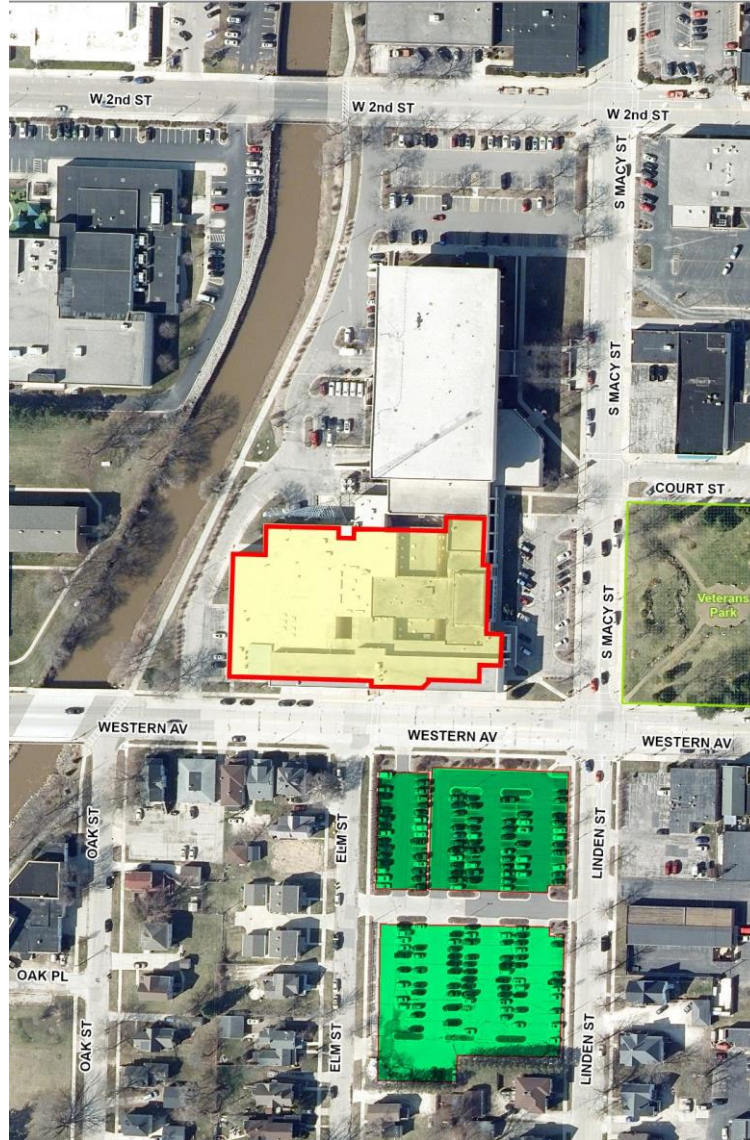
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## Program Summary

### 1. Law Enforcement Center

- 297,000 s.f.
  - Sheriff's Office, Jail, Jail Support, Juvenile Detention, Emergency Management, Dispatch

### 2. Justice Center

- 413,000 s.f.
  - Sheriff's Office, Jail, Jail Support, Juvenile Detention, Emergency Management, Dispatch
  - Judge's Suite, Juried Courtrooms, Non-Juried Courtrooms, Clerk of Courts, District Attorney, Child Support

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## CONCEPT– Court Remodeling

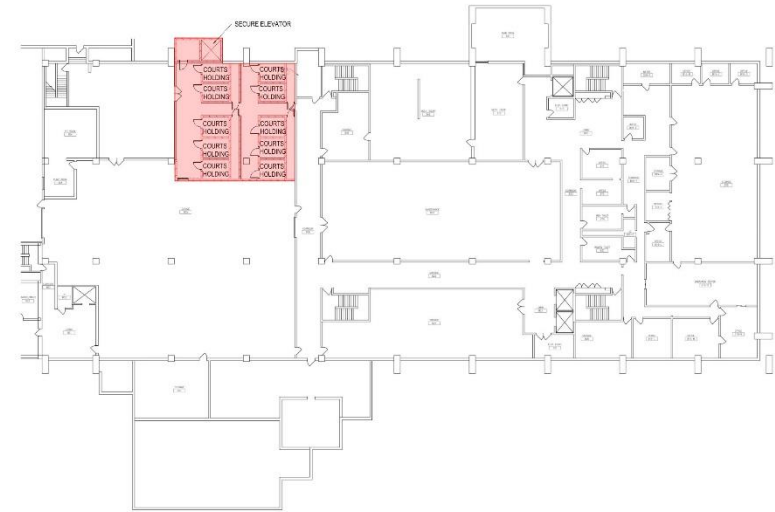
This option explores the possibility of Fond du Lac County moving all Jail, Sheriff’s Office functions, including: Jail, Sheriff, and the Sheriff’s Garage to a new facility constructed offsite.

### Advantages

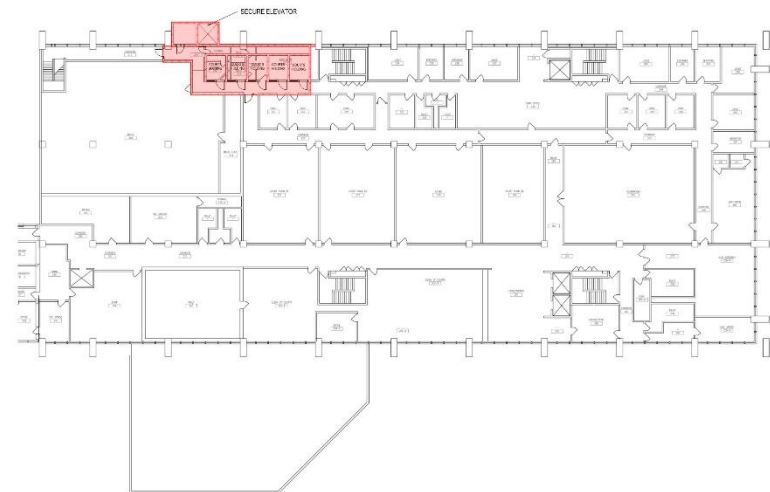
- A completely new jail facility would meet modern jail standards, including improved operations, safety, inmate bed capacity, and classification.
- Future jail expansion can happen with this option, trusting the site is large enough.
- This option completely consolidates and organizes all Sheriff functions into one newly constructed facility.

### Disadvantages

- Existing Courthouse would require renovation and possibly an addition for a Secure Sally Port and Court Holding.
- Fond du Lac County would be responsible for inmate travel expenses between the new facility and the Courthouse, including physical appearances to Court.
- Additional Remodeling will need to be required in the near future.



BASEMENT FLOOR PLAN



SECOND FLOOR PLAN

# 1. JUDICIAL CONCEPTS

## Judicial remains in existing

### Transport Costs

Number of Correctional Officers:	5	Jailer Wage:	\$101,180
Number of Patrol:	5	Patrol Wage:	\$113,386
Total transport staff:	10		
Transport Vans:	5	Cost per Van:	\$70,000
Total Transport Staff Cost:	\$1,072,830		

Year	Wage Increase Per Year			Total C.O. 3%	Transport Vans
	2%	3%	4%		
1	\$1,072,830	\$1,072,830	\$1,072,830		\$350,000
10	\$1,282,131	\$1,399,800	\$1,526,972	\$13,997,998	\$570,113
20	\$1,562,911	\$1,881,214	\$2,260,291	\$18,812,139	\$928,654
30	\$1,905,179	\$2,528,194	\$3,345,783	\$25,281,942	\$1,512,680
40	\$2,322,403	\$3,397,682	\$4,952,576	\$33,976,816	\$2,464,000
50	\$2,830,996	\$4,566,200	\$7,331,022	\$45,661,999	\$4,013,600



# COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

# 2. COMMUNICATIONS PLAN



February 26, 2024

Dear Rusk County Citizens,

We are seeking your input regarding the construction of a new jail. The existing Rusk County Jail was built in 1985 and does not meet the State of Wisconsin inmate classification requirements, nor the needs and safety of the jail staff and inmates. To address corrective project options and associated costs of these issues, we have retained the services of Venture Architects and the Samuels Group. Both firms specialize in government and correctional facilities.

The proposed new jail would address issues regarding, but not limited to, classification requirements, safety risks, existing mechanical systems concerns, and programming. A dedicated website ([www.ruskcountyjailproject.com](http://www.ruskcountyjailproject.com)) has been created to address the following: need, solution, tax impact, and frequently asked questions. A series of public meetings are also planned to address questions/concerns of the community.

Although there are multiple reasons the new jail is needed, this letter will focus on the issues of highest priorities:

### **Inmate Classification, Safety, and County Liability.**

There are several significant topics tied to inmate classifications, but one main concern is the existing jail has limited receiving cells. This poses challenges and potential risks relating to proper inmate assessment and classification. Potential overcrowding can lead to issues regarding constitutional violations, violence, health and sanitation, and the safety of staff and inmates. The classifications set forth by the Department of Corrections (gender, age, mental health, violent/non-violent, co-conspirators etc.) cannot be attained in the current jail facilities without minimizing bed availability. Subsequently, this would result in the need to transfer inmate overflow to out-of-county facilities at an additional cost to our county. Additionally, the outsourcing of inmates takes deputies off the road, which could directly impact citizen safety.

### **Renovations to Existing Jail Housing Is Not a Feasible Solution.**

The outdated linear design and physical conditions of the existing jail need to be updated to improve operational costs/efficiencies and provide a safer environment for the staff, visitors, and inmates. Renovating the existing jail would require a major interior overhaul of the facility including but not limited to: structural issues, heating, cooling, electrical, and plumbing systems and leave us with an obsolete and archaic supervision model. Examples of these conditions can be found on the website referenced above.

### **Next Steps.**

We would ask you to review the website and attend a community meeting where conceptual plans regarding the project will be presented. Please feel free to contact our County Board and/or jail construction committee members with questions or concerns. Thank you.

The Rusk County Board of Supervisors

Rusk County Courthouse  
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Telephone: (715) 532-2100

COMMUNITY MEETING DATES ON BACK

### **COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETINGS**

We will be hosting community meetings with County representatives, Venture Architects, and the Samuels Group to talk about the need, the solution, and the cost. All meetings begin at 7:00 PM. We hope you will join us!

**April 3, 2024 - Weyerhaeuser Village Hall**  
N3723 Second Street, Weyerhaeuser, WI

**April 4, 2024 - Hawkins Village Hall**  
507 South Street, Hawkins, WI

**April 5, 2024 – Jump River Electric Corp**  
1102 West 9<sup>th</sup> Street North, Ladysmith, WI

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