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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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MINUTES: Regular Session – August 10, 2021

The Board met in regular session pursuant to adjournment of the August 3, 2021, meeting.

David G. Young – present

Shannon Jones – present

Tom Grossmann – present

Tina Osborne, Clerk – present

Minutes of the July 27, 2021, and August 3, 2021, meetings were read and approved.

- 21-1079 A resolution was adopted to designate Family and Medical Leave of Absence to Terry Finamore, within the Department of Job and Family Services, Human Services Division. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-1080 A resolution was adopted to approve leave donation for Terry Finamore, Eligibility Referral Specialist II, within the Warren County Department of Job and Family Services, Human Services Division. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-1081 A resolution was adopted to designate Family and Medical Leave of Absence to Kayla Creech, within the Department of Job and Family Services, Human Services Division. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-1082 A resolution was adopted to hire Matthew Ervin as Infrastructure Systems Analyst within the Warren County Telecommunications Department. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-1083 A resolution was adopted to cancel regularly scheduled Commissioners' Meeting of Thursday, August 12, 2021. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-1084 A resolution was adopted to approve and enter into a clear government fraud agreement with Thomson Reuters West Publishing Corporation. Vote: Unanimous

- 21-1085 A resolution was adopted to advertise for bids for purchase of armored SWAT vehicle for the Warren County Sheriff's Office. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-1086 A resolution was adopted to approve extension of the agreement between Easter Seals Tristate, LLC and the workforce Development Board of Ohio's 12th Local Workforce Development Area. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-1087 A resolution was adopted to approve and enter into Classroom Training Agreement on behalf of OhioMeansJobs Warren County. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-1088 A resolution was adopted to rescind resolutions #21-0591 and #21-0592, adopted May 4, 2021, entering into mutual aid agreements with Ohio Emergency Management Agency (OEMA) and the Butler County Emergency Management Agency. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-1089 A resolution was adopted to enter into contract with Downing Construction Company for the Aeration Upgrades – Waynesville Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Project. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-1090 A resolution was adopted to authorize President of the Board to enter into temporary revocable license agreement with CityGate Church relative to temporary use of Warren County Property. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-1091 A resolution was adopted to approve an emergency repair to the high service pump #2 at the Richard A. Renneker Water Treatment Plant. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-1092 A resolution was adopted to compensate Brian L. and Shanda Harris, husband and wife, 9395 Snider Road, Mason, Ohio 45040, for the attached temporary drainage easement for an additional five (5) year period. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-1093 A resolution was adopted to approve the destruction of various Warren County Sheriff's Office equipment. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-1094 A resolution was adopted to approve and authorize President of the Board to enter into an agreement with Warren County Department of Job and Family Services, Human Services Division on behalf of the Warren County Transit Service. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-1095 A resolution was adopted to authorize the County Administrator to accept change order #001147 from SecureCyber Defense, LLC on behalf of Warren County Telecommunications. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-1096 A resolution was adopted to enter into a Business Associate Agreement with Deerfield Township Fire District on behalf of Warren County Telecommunications. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-1097 A resolution was adopted to acknowledge receipt of July 2021 Financial Statement. Vote: Unanimous

- 21-1098 A resolution was adopted to acknowledge payment of bills. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-1099 A resolution was adopted to enter into street and appurtenances (including sidewalks) security agreement with Grand Communities, LLC for installation of certain improvements in Eagle's Pointe Section 5, Block A situated in Hamilton Township. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-1100 A resolution was adopted to enter into a subdivision public improvement performance and maintenance security agreement with Grand Communities, LLC for installation of certain improvements in Eagle's Pointe Section 5, Block A situated in Hamilton Township. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-1101 A resolution was adopted to approve various record plats. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-1102 A resolution was adopted to approve an operational transfer from Commissioners Fund #11011112 into Crime Victim/ Witness Fund #2245. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-1103 A resolution was adopted to approve supplemental appropriation into Local Fiscal Recovery Fund #2211. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-1104 A resolution was adopted to approve supplemental appropriation into Common Pleas Court Community Based Corrections #2289. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-1105 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustment from approve appropriation adjustment from Common Pleas Court Fund #11011123 into #11011220. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-1106 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustments within Sheriff's Office Funds #11012200 and #11012210. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-1107 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustment within Telecommunications Department Fund #11012810. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-1108 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustment from Juvenile Court Fund #11011240 to Probate Court Fund #11011250. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-1109 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustment within Juvenile Court Fund #2247. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-1110 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustment within the Solid Waste Management District Funds #2256. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-1111 A resolution was adopted to approve requisitions and authorize County Administrator to sign documents relative thereto. Vote: Unanimous
- 21-1112 An emergency resolution was adopted to accept the material terms of the One Ohio Subdivision Settlement pursuant to the One Ohio Memorandum of Understanding and consistent with the terms of the July 12, 2021, National Opioid Settlement Agreement. Vote: Unanimous

- 21-1113 A resolution was adopted to issue a Request for Qualifications and appoint a review committee for the procurement of a Construction Manager at Risk for the Fosters Lift Station and Gravity Sewer Improvements Project. Vote: Unanimous

DISCUSSIONS

On motion, upon unanimous call of the roll, the Board accepted and approved the consent agenda.

Trevor Hearn, Facilities Management Director, was present along with County Court Judge Loxley and County Court Judge Fischer, and representatives from VSWC Architects for a work session to discuss space needs for the Warren County Court.

Brad Adams, VSWC Architects, presented the attached PowerPoint presentation presenting the various concept options to accommodate the space needs of County Court.

Mr. Adams presented the attached five (5) options along with the advantages and disadvantages of each.

The Board reviewed each option and also discussed the space provided with each option as well as the cost associated.

Judge Loxley stated his support for whichever option the Board decides but stated that Option E would be their preference.

Commissioner Grossmann questioned the ability to construct a second story for future expansion with Option E.

There was discussion relative to the possibility of a court consolidation relative to the elimination of the municipal courts.

Judge Fischer stated there is no expectation of a consolidation or the addition of a third judge at this time.

There was discussion relative to the amount of space currently needed to accommodate all operations of the court as well as when any future expansion would be anticipated.

Mr. Hearn stated that a future expansion would be anticipated within 5 to 10 years and that a 20,000 sq. foot building would accommodate two full time courtrooms.

The Board discussed the various options and determined to proceed with Option E.

The Board then discussed the various space that will become vacated once the New Jail and Sheriff's Office and County Court relocates.

Commissioner Jones stated the need for a master plan relative to the vacated space.

On motion, upon unanimous call of the roll, the Board entered execute session at 10:05 a.m. to discuss pending litigation with legal counsel pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (G)(3) and exited at 10:26 a.m.

Chris Brausch, Sanitary Engineer, was present for a work session to discuss the Fosters Lift Station and Gravity Sewer Improvements Project.

Mr. Brausch explained that the Board contracted with Burgess & Niple, Inc. for engineering services related to the improvement project. He stated that, due to the complexity of the improvements, it is their desire to proceed with this project through the Construction Manager at-risk method. He then requested the Board to consider issuing a request for qualifications in order to begin the process of selecting a construction manager at-risk.

Upon further discussion, the Board resolved (Resolution #21-1113) to issue a request for qualifications and appoint a review committee for the procurement of a Construction Manager at Risk for the Fosters Lift Station and Gravity Sewer Improvements Project.

Duane Stansbury, Warren County Combined Health District, was present along with Dustin Ratliff, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, for a work session to provide an update on Covid-19.

Mr. Stansbury reviewed the statistics in Ohio and Warren County and answered various questions related to the Delta Variant and the wearing of masks by children in schools.

There was discussion relative to the number of hospitalizations, ICU cases, and deaths in Warren County and well as the data associated with the high number of vaccinated residents within our county.

Mr. Ratliff stated that there haven't been any Covid deaths in Warren County for at least a month or longer and that there have been 8 hospitalizations in the last 14 days.


Commissioner Young discussed the Delta Variant being more contagious and less deadly. He discussed the number of breakthrough cases, being those who have been fully vaccinated but have contracted the virus, himself being one of them, and the fact that he thought he had contracted a cold. He then cited statistics from the Ohio Coronavirus Dashboard stating that as of yesterday, in the entire state, we have 1046 people in hospitals. That's 3.9% of all people in hospitals have coronavirus. As of yesterday in the ICU, in the entire state the number is 301 people, which is 6.2% versus 30 and 40% numbers at the height of the pandemic.

There was lengthy discussion relative to the fact that there were no hospitalizations of Mason School students during the height of the pandemic as well as various studies associated with the wearing of masks by children.

There was discussion relative to the local leaders, our school districts in particular, looking to the Warren County Health Department for guidance on the wearing of masks in school as legislation has left those decisions to be made at the local level based upon the conditions in that particular area.

Upon further discussion, Mr. Stansbury stated he has no intention or plan to require masks. He stated that he does not have the authority anymore to do that even if he wanted to but agrees with Commissioner Young and Commissioner Grossmann that there is no reason to require them. He stated it goes back to parents making that decision for their family and if they need to, to consult with their physician, and make the decision that is right for their family based off their specific circumstances. He stated that the Health Department is not going to mandate masks in Warren County.

Upon motion the meeting was adjourned.



David G. Young, President

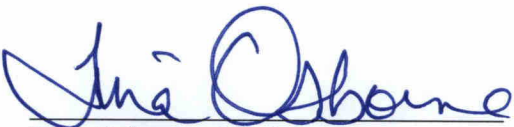


Tom Grossmann



Shannon Jones

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners held on August 10, 2021, in compliance with Section 121.29 O.R.C.

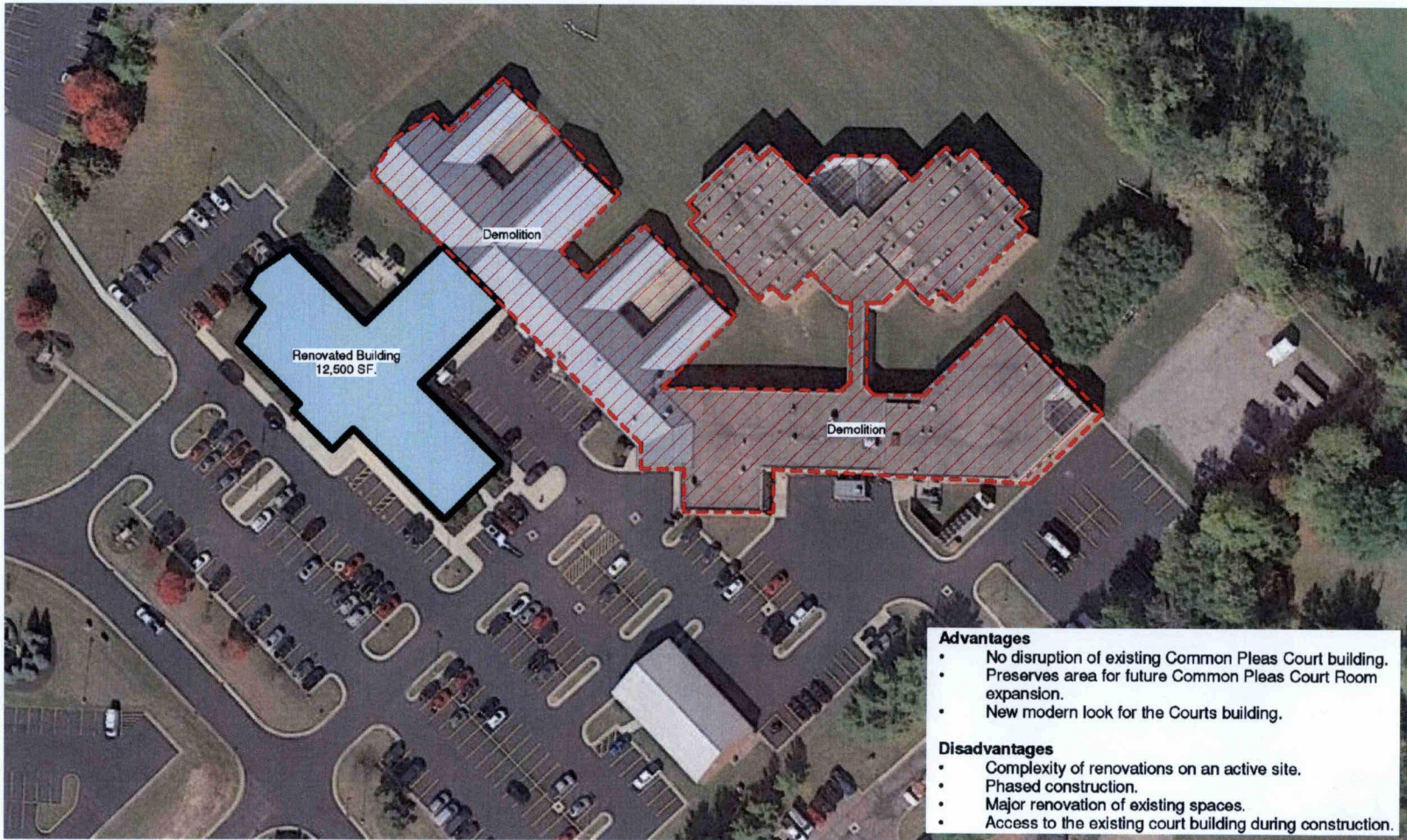


Tina Osborne, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners
Warren County, Ohio

Warren County Court

Concept Options Presentation - 08.10.2021





- Advantages**
- No disruption of existing Common Pleas Court building.
 - Preserves area for future Common Pleas Court Room expansion.
 - New modern look for the Courts building.
- Disadvantages**
- Complexity of renovations on an active site.
 - Phased construction.
 - Major renovation of existing spaces.
 - Access to the existing court building during construction.

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Option A - Site Plan



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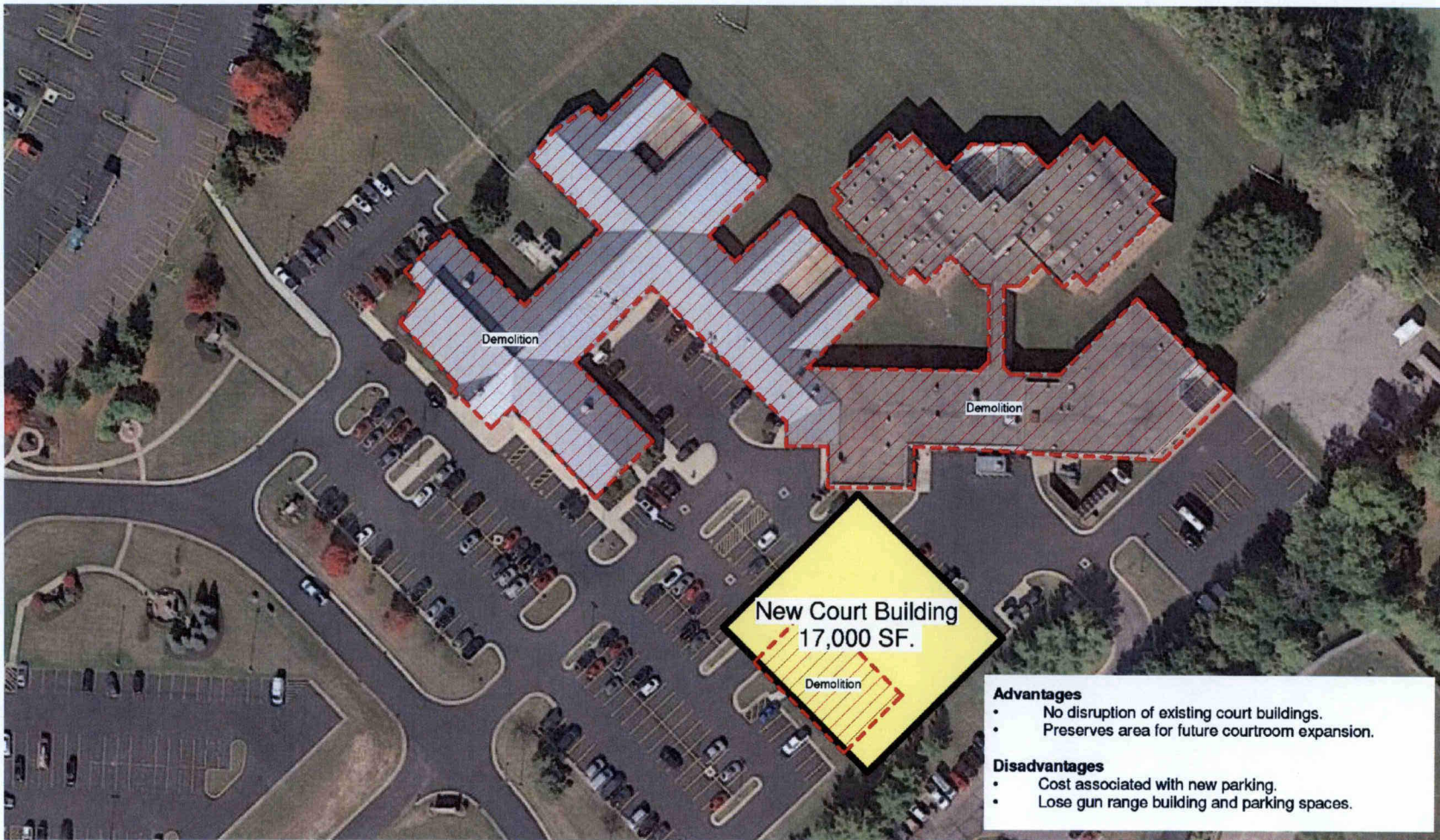


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Option A - Floor Plan



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- Advantages**
- No disruption of existing court buildings.
 - Preserves area for future courtroom expansion.
- Disadvantages**
- Cost associated with new parking.
 - Lose gun range building and parking spaces.

Option B - Site Plan



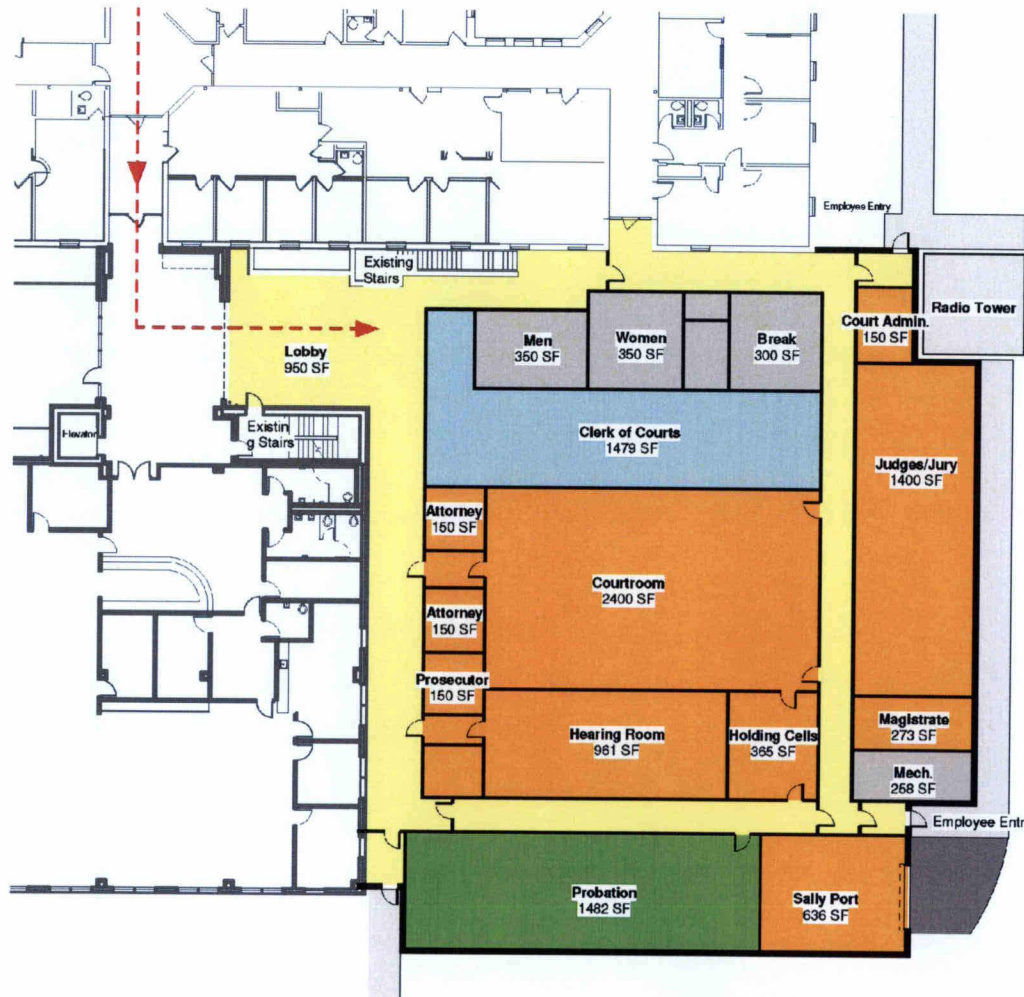


Advantages

- (1) Entry point / (1) security check point.
- Common Pleas Court and Warren County Court housed in one building.
- Little to no disruption of existing court buildings.
- Preserves area for future court room expansion.

Disadvantages

- Longer travel to new court room.
- Offices on back of building would lose their exterior windows.
- Restricted addition footprint.
- Would lose (20) parking spaces.



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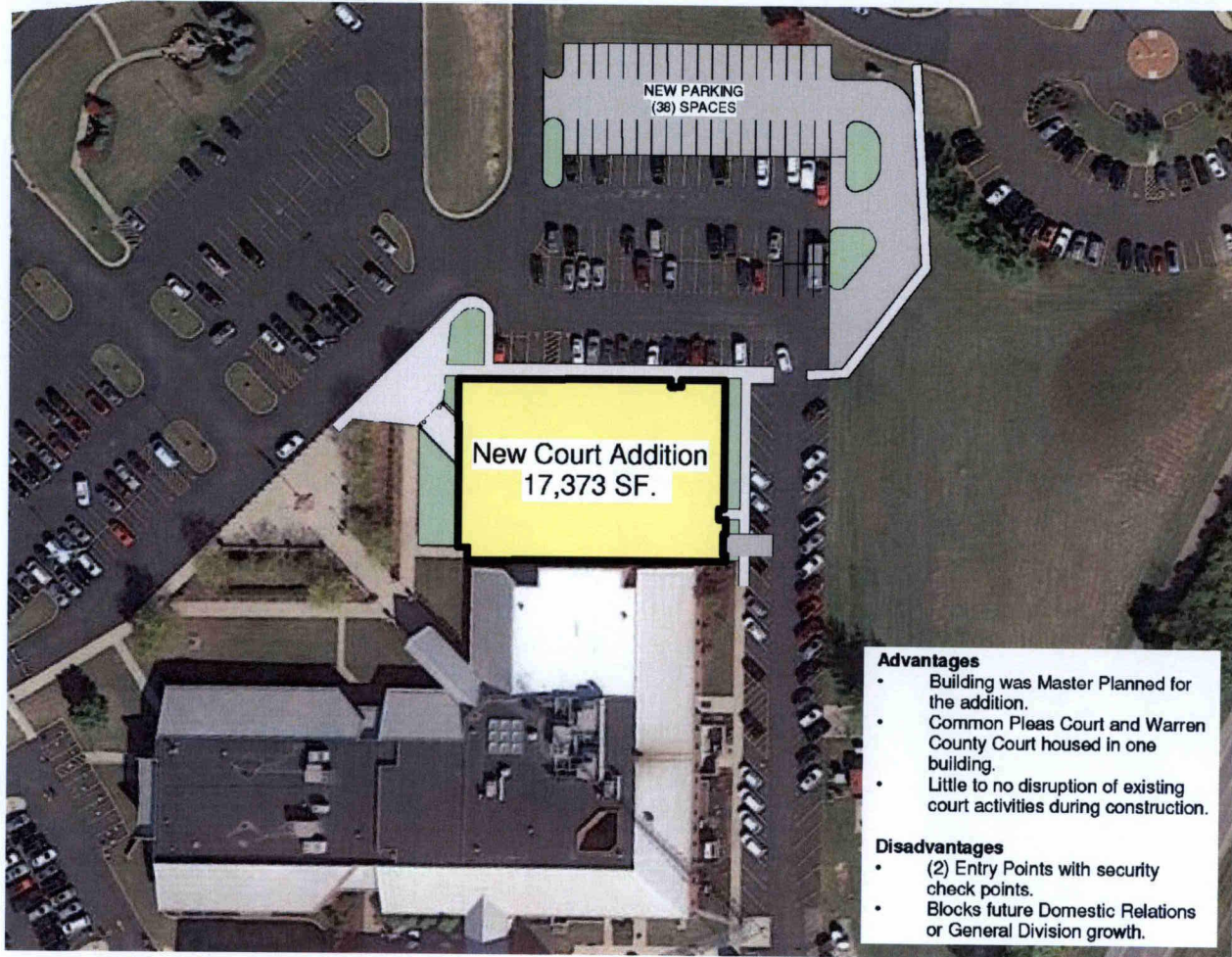
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Option C - Floor Plan



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Option D - Site Plan



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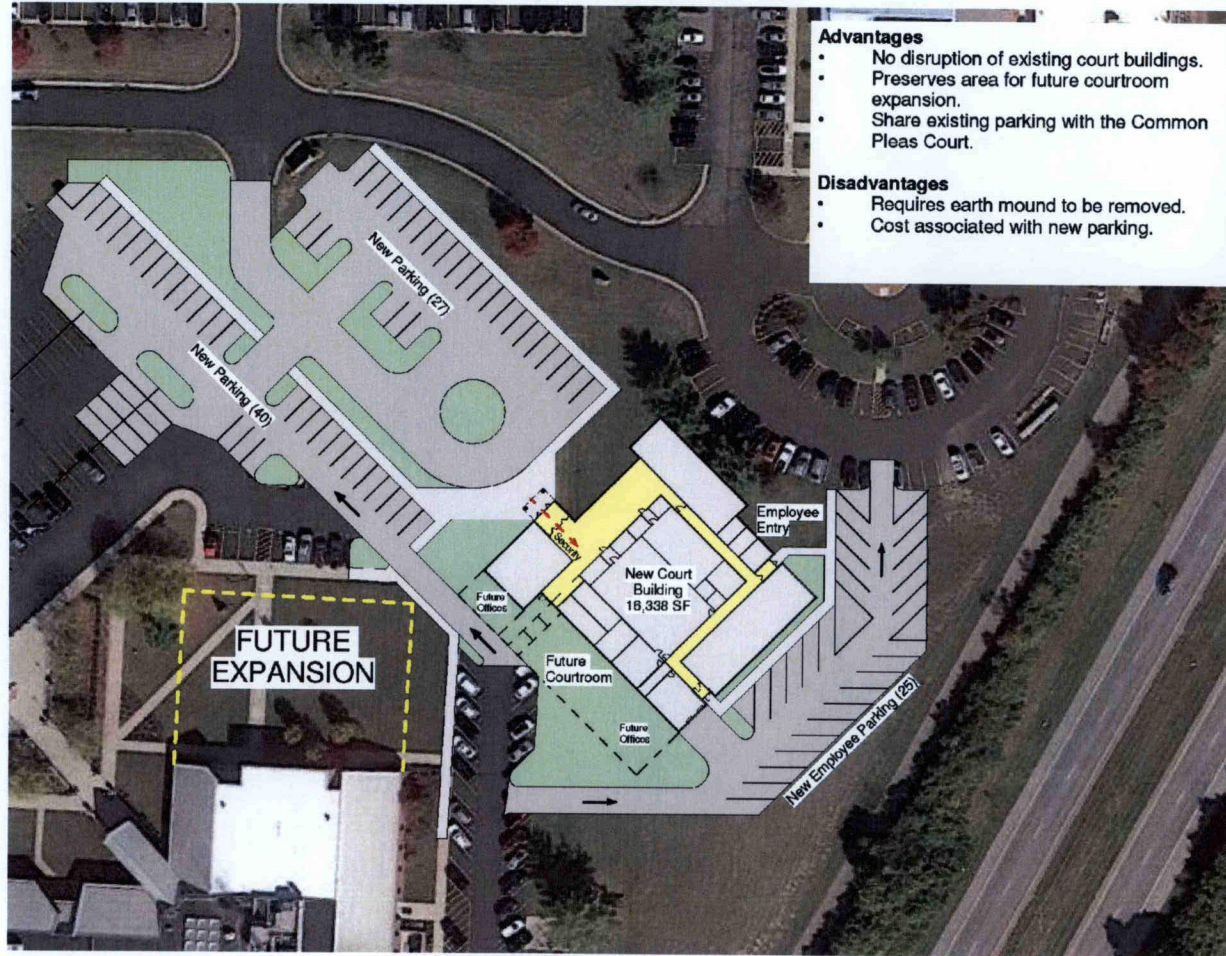
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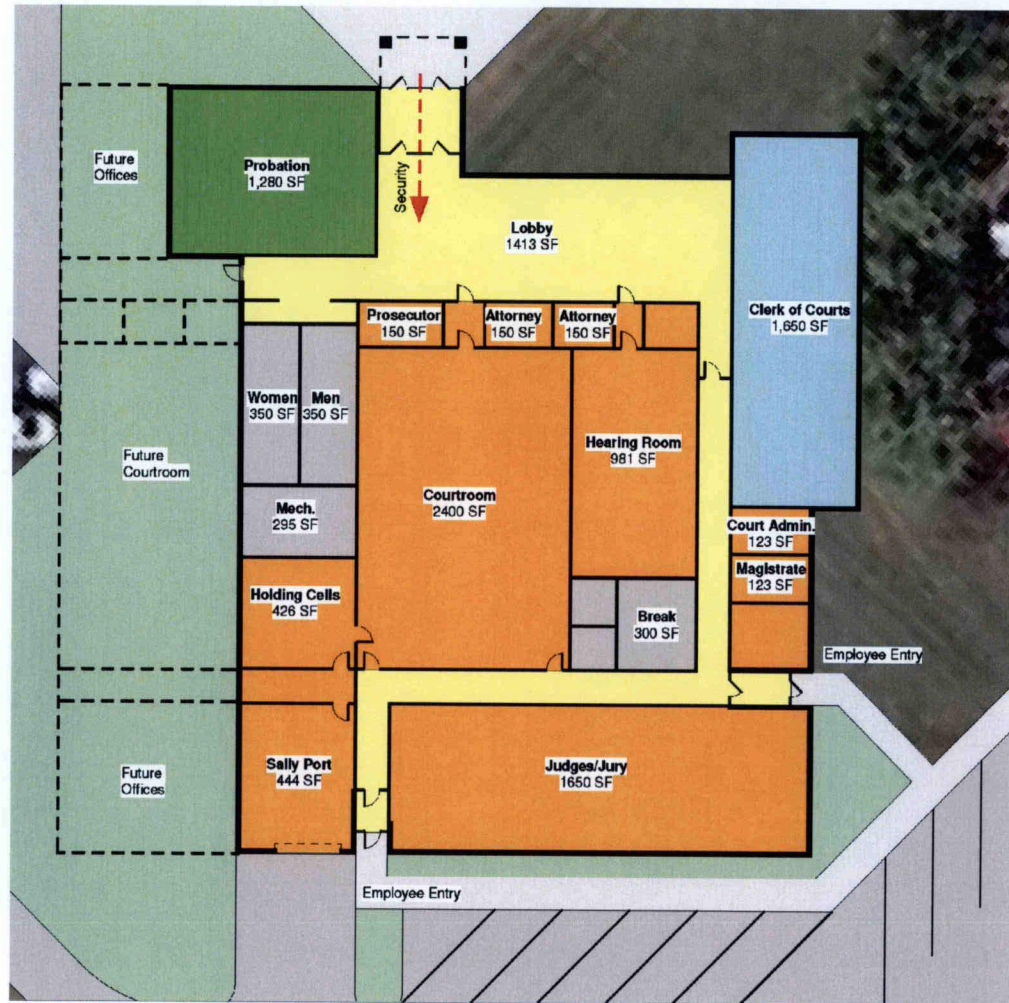
Option D - Floor Plan



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- Advantages**
- No disruption of existing court buildings.
 - Preserves area for future courtroom expansion.
 - Share existing parking with the Common Pleas Court.
- Disadvantages**
- Requires earth mound to be removed.
 - Cost associated with new parking.



Legend

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Option E - Floor Plan



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Budgeting Construction Cost – Warren County Courts

Option Number	Description	Site Comments	Total Budget Construction Total
Option A	Renovation to the Warren County Courts Building	(120) New parking spaces, site ammenities <i>(Excludes demolition cost)</i>	\$3,880,000
Option B	New Warren County Court Building <i>(Warren County Court Site)</i>	(120) New parking spaces, site ammenities <i>(Excludes demolition cost)</i>	\$5,091,000
Option C	Addition to Board of Elections Building	(40) Additional parking spaces, demo existing parking	\$5,753,000
Option D	Addition to Common Pleas Court Building	(40) Additional parking spaces and modified entry plaza	\$5,261,000
Option E	New Warren County Courts Building On New Site	(92) Additional parking spaces	\$5,086,000

