



Questions?  
Please contact your  
district supervisor for  
more information.

FOREST COUNTY  
200 E MADISON STREET  
CRANDON, WI 54520



Forest  
County

COURTHOUSE  
EXPANSION



# Overview

Public safety and operational efficiencies are top priorities for Forest County. Our aging county complex is posing challenges and risks that can be resolved with building a new facility and renovations to the Law Enforcement Center (LEC).

# Challenges

- Public safety is at higher risk because inmates are moved through unsecure corridors and must walk an unsecure path for court appearances
- Growing violent crime rate in Forest County and segregation requirements increase court appearances and jail population
- Roof leaks and moisture infiltration are causing deterioration of structural wood members **Cost: \$75,000**
- Highly inefficient building envelope wastes energy **Cost: \$275,000**
- Masonry exterior needs extensive repairs **Cost: \$200,000**
- HVAC systems need replacement **Cost: \$975,000**
- ADA accessible requirements **Cost: \$175,000**
- Elevator **Cost: \$90,000**
- Limited and unsafe parking

# Why Now?

Each year construction is delayed, the cost of construction increases approximately 6-8 percent, which equates to:

**\$1.368M (6% increase) | \$1.824M (8% increase)**

Other important considerations include a higher level of public security by having one secure entrance and cost efficiencies gained by energy improvements.

## Option 1

- Build new facility for social offices/judicial courts
  - Build new maintenance garage
  - Keep and renovate courthouse for remaining departments
  - Renovations to LEC
- Project Cost: \$25.8 Million**



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## Option 2

- Build new facility and maintenance garage, renovate LEC, combine all departments, and remove courthouse
- Project Cost: \$22.8 Million**



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# Tax Impact

For a \$100,000 property:

Option 1	Option 2
\$124/year	\$105/year
\$10.33/month	\$8.75/month

For a \$150,000 property:

Option 1	Option 2
\$186/year	\$157.50/year
\$15.50/month	\$13.13/month

For a \$200,000 property:

Option 1	Option 2
\$248/year	\$210/year
\$20.66/month	\$17.50/month

\*Tax impact spread over 20 years

# Save \$3 Million

Removing the existing 108-year old courthouse (option 2) saves taxpayers money because building renovations, boiler replacement, roof repairs, and window replacements are eliminated from project.

# Learn More

Attend an information meeting!

Wednesday, January 10  
Wabeno High School, 4325 N Branch Street

Wednesday, January 17  
Crandon High School, 9750 US HWY 8 W

Wednesday, January 24  
Laona High School, 5216 Forest Ave.



All meetings begin at 7:00 pm