



### New Courthouse News from Roger Gilbert:

The terrazzo floors and base for phase one are complete, waxed, and protected from traffic. The second floor is all painted except for the main corridor and court rooms. All ceiling grid on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor is complete and they are starting to cut in perimeter tile. The court rooms are almost sheet rocked and the raised platforms are being built. They are getting close to completing the security ceilings in the jail area. Painters have started painting in the jail area and have the block walls all painted. The Siding subcontractor has worked out his problems and is now getting the soffit, fascia, and wall panels installed.

Ceramic tile has been installed on all 2<sup>nd</sup> floor bathroom walls. Everyone is working diligently to complete their work as scheduled.

Electricians will install approximately 100 miles of wire.

Project Budget Summary: The project has had nearly \$300,000.00 in change orders to date which is under the anticipated amount.

Project Photos Taken: Photos have been taken by the architect and board members.

Project on Schedule? Project is on the new schedule with some variations in the float items.

Safety Issues? One worker dropped a metal ceiling panel on his foot and bruised it.

Critical Issues: All trades must continue doing their part.

### **Phase I Transition: 40 working days until the move**

Scott Transfer will be at the Courthouse Thursday, December 22, 2005 to move the items to the DHS building from the attic and the basement. Beth Will will also be coordinating loading the trailer with Auction items that day with items that are not being used.

NOTE, the date to start transition has moved out one week.

### **Tentative Office Move Timeline:**

Prior to 2/20/06 – Punch list signed off by owner - Communication Center equipment and furniture installed & New office furniture, telephone and server room equipment installed

2/13/06 – Com Center/Jail start testing equipment\*

2/20/06 – Monday: Holiday

2/21/06 – Tuesday: Recorder & IT

2/22/06 – Wednesday: Assessor & VA

2/23/06 – Thursday: Treasurer

2/24/06 – Friday thru Monday: Jury Room, Law Library, Clerk of Court, Judges, State misc. Courtroom,

2/28/06 – Tuesday: Auditor

3/1/06 – Wednesday: Sheriff\*\*

3/2/06 – Thursday: Supervisors, EMA, Community Services, Custodian and Misc. move – these days could be used for trailering items left behind.

3/3/06 – Friday: Misc. move

3/4/06 through 3/12/06: (9 days)– remove artifacts etc.

3/13/06 – Monday: Communication Center running live

3/13/05 – Monday: Asbestos removal starts

3/31/06 – Friday: Asbestos removal completed

4/3/06 – Monday: Old Courthouse demolition

4/28/06 – Friday: Demolition completed

\* Com Center training 2/13/06 to 2/20/06 & testing from 2/20/06 to 3/13/06 – 3 weeks testing not 4 weeks

\*\* Sheriff's office space will be used for the furniture staging area and will be set up last.

### **County Land-use Plan:**

Monday, December 19, 2005 Northwest Iowa Planning presented an update on the new County Land Use Plan to the P&Z Commission. New language on what was referred to as Smart Growth was presented and discussed. Members of the audience offered opinions throughout the meeting as policies on Agricultural, Rural development, Residential, Multifamily, Commercial, Industrial, etc. land uses were presented. Additionally, there was discussion on including sanitary sewer and rural water plans on or with the County future land use map. For easier review, Alissa Julius is going to see if she can put the draft version of the County Land Use Plan on the County website. If she is successful, the plan will be clearly marked draft and updated with each new presentation by NWIP.

### **IT Department report by Alissa Julius:**

Planning for the move to the new building is in full swing. New switches have been ordered, which will be the backbone for the computer network in the new courthouse. R&D was hired by the BOS Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, to move the servers and to provide coordination with the contractor for temporary connections between the out-buildings and the old courthouse & between the old and new courthouses during the six weeks of transition. Qwest is actively working on installing the new T1 line. Alissa has been working with the phone vendor to get all lines ordered and scheduled to correspond with the move dates of all the departments. The phone vendor is also beginning to program the new phone system so it will be ready with a few modifications after the vendor installs the system. The audio/visual vendor has begun running wire and is actively working with the contractor to determine styles of speakers that will correspond with the new courtrooms.

Alissa has received the bids for the Courthouse internet service. She will be making a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. The new service is expected to be faster and at a lesser annual cost.

The new County webpage is up and running. The address is the same [www.co.dickinson.ia.us](http://www.co.dickinson.ia.us) but the sight has a fresh new look. You should find it easy to navigate and much easier to add new information. Thank you, Alissa!

Alissa has met with all departments to determine what the future technology needs will be for the upcoming year's budget. She is trying to get a schedule setup for a rotation of equipment as well as attempting to get a standard for equipment purchased.