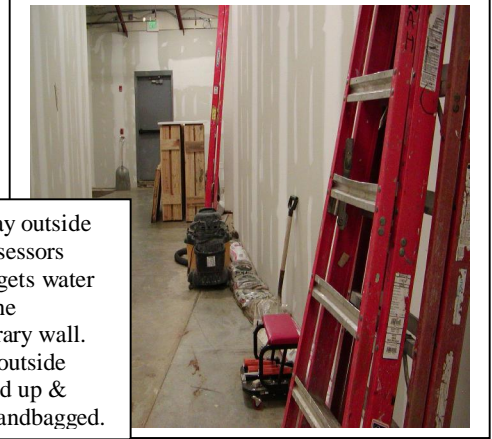




Clerk of Courts filing & office area affected by the water leaks.

**Water in the Courthouse again!
The Supervisors are extremely concerned with the re-occurring water, electrical and sewer issues!**

Hallway outside the Assessors office gets water from the temporary wall. Holes outside boarded up & floor sandbagged.



New Courthouse News:

On August 24, 2006, some of the Supervisors met with McHan and RDG for a regularly scheduled Construction meeting. Most of the meeting was taken up with discussion of issues with the new Court House. In general, electrical, sewer and roof issues were the main topics of discussion. Following are some of the minutes taken by RDG on August 24th under the title of "Field Observations, Problems, and Decisions. Any updates to the minutes are in **red**:

1. During heavy wind driven rain water continues to come in to the Mechanical Room A100 and into spaces below. McHan performed a hose test at the HM door and louver and determined the louver was the source of the water leak. McHan will remedy the water infiltration at the louver. RDG will look at it after the meeting to verify the condition and how the louver was flashed. McHan will have a solution by Sept 1, 2006.
2. McHan addressed the ponding of water on the roof. The roof is not leaking so a remedy isn't considered urgent. This condition will be corrected when Phase 2 roof work takes place.
3. Lighting issues – the lamps for the light sconces in the corridors keep burning out – some as many as 3-4 times. This is also true of lights in the Assessors office. This appears to be a fixture issue. McHan wants Mark with Mueske back on site to resolve this issue.
4. Sewer back up in the basement uni-sex toilet – three separate times the floor drain has backed up with a lot of force spraying sewage into the room. Twice blockages have been removed, but the cause of the problem is still unknown. The interior sanitary sewer pipe has been scoped. RDG is to check on any mechanical items.

Since August 24th, it has been determined that the problem has been caused by the design of the louver. Flashing has been installed and tested and did not resolve the problem. It appears that the louver allows rain to come in the building but is not designed to release the water back outside. Instead the water takes the path of least resistance and ends up on the ceilings of the new courthouse. RDG has designed a tray to catch and release the rain outside. To date the tray has not been installed



Since the August 24th meeting, there has been a fourth back up. This one was on the second floor where it is believed all of the problems have originated. Thus far there has been a back up on May 28th, June 28th, July 28th and now on August 31st. The lines have been scoped each time finding an obstruction on the first two occasions but no obstruction on these last two. RDG's mechanical engineer has no idea of the cause but is continuing to investigate. They have asked Hander to determine if all vents are functioning properly and if the city sewer is flowing properly. Hander is looking into the possibility that there is not enough water flushing to carry away the solids. According to Hander this has been a problem with some low water consumption fixtures. They intend to change out the water closet flush valves to make sure they are the proper valves to flush 1.6 gallons per flush and will run a camera back down the line to check on the condition of the line again on September 14th.

For those that don't know, there is a construction issues report that is kept by Beth Will and Mardi Allen. That report is now three pages long and itemizes the issues reported to Beth and/or Mardi whether they are minor or major. Clark Reekers is also supplying a list of his findings to Beth. The lists are combined and handed out for discussion at each construction meeting. At the last construction meeting, the list was given to Roger to work with McHan to update the status of each item and to report expected dates of repair or completion. The next construction meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2006, at 1:00 p.m. in the Church basement.

Technology News from Alissa Julius:

The Board of Supervisors has approved the purchase of Microsoft Office. In the next couple of weeks the County will move to Office 2003. Sometime next year the upgrade to Office 2007 will be available and this purchase will allow the County to upgrade without any additional cost. There are many positive changes from version to version and the changes should be beneficial for users. Alissa feels that upgrading in two steps from 2000 to 2003 and then to 2007 will make the transition easier for everyone. The Board of Supervisors also approved a new server for the document management system. Many of the departments who use Alchemy know that the backup and Alchemy software do not work well together. Giving Alchemy a server by itself should prevent a lot of the issues the offices were having in the past. The Sheriff's office is the first sheriff's office in the state of Iowa to effectively use a terminal server to run their reporting software. Currently, Alissa is in the process of setting up a way that the Sheriff can automatically send daily reports to the state via the internet which will eliminate printing and mailing the reports. The sheriff's office is also in the process of getting setup for electronic fingerprinting.