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Design Narrative

Project: Levy County Courthouse Renovation
BFBS No. 18440

The following is the design narrative for the addition and renovation of the Levy County Courthouse, based on the past design submittal and the group meeting on 2/23/2022.

Site

The design intent is to create new ADA Parking spaces at the existing drive to the SW of the existing building. The current design has two ADA parking spaces but there is an opportunity to add two additional ADA spaces. Sidewalks and two ADA ramps from opposite directions will converge at the stairs and will connect the sidewalks with the covered entry of the new lobby addition. A third ramp will provide access to the county governmental offices building.

New Lobby Addition

The 24' x 56' addition will have a covered entry area connected to the site sidewalks and ramps and direct access to the entrance of the lobby. Visitors will have an outside covered waiting area that will provide protection and shade from the summer sun and rain. There is a separate exit only from the courthouse, that will be tucked around the corner of the covered waiting area. The interior of the lobby will house the X-ray machine and walk-thru metal detector. Once through the metal detector, patron can gather their items, that were screened from the conveyor belt or table at the end of the A-ray machine and proceed into the existing courthouse lobby area. A new hardened security office will be directly behind the control area at the X-ray scanner, in the original lobby area and will allow the security staff to observe the patrons entering and leaving the building. A small breakroom is located at the old vault area. The exit vestibule will be fire rated to allow for the continuation of the fire rating from the second-floor stairwell.

Existing Building

The new Courtroom will be the smallest courtroom and will be used for non-juried hearings. The judge will have access to the bench from the public corridor via an ADA accessible ramp behind the bench. The courtroom has been reduced in size with the addition of a conference room added to the back of the courtroom.

The second floor will have a Magistrate office, two Mediation rooms and a galley Breakroom. The second floor will have two Court Reporters offices, Deposition Room, and Pro/Se office and conference room. Included at the second floor will be improvements to the two restrooms, designating both as Unisex restrooms with one restroom converted to an ADA restroom. The existing janitor's closet can remain.

We believe that this Conceptual Plan will meet the Levy County Courtroom addition and renovation requirements.