



Alcovy Judicial Circuit

May 29, 2026

Mr. David Thompson, Chairman
Chair, Walton County Board of Commissioners

Dear Chairman Thompson:


On behalf of the judges of the Alcovy Judicial Circuit Superior Court, the District Attorney's Office, and the Public Defender's Office, we write to express our sincere appreciation for your invitation to meet yesterday to discuss future plans for courthouse space. Your initiative in bringing together our offices for this conversation reflects the kind of forward-thinking leadership that serves Walton County well.

As we discussed, the Alcovy Judicial Circuit is among the fastest-growing judicial circuits in the State of Georgia. The workload across all classes of courts—as well as in the District Attorney's Office and the Public Defender's Office—continues to increase in direct proportion to the growth of our community. That trajectory shows no sign of slowing. Thus, the need for additional space is not a matter of if, but when, and we believe it is both prudent and necessary to begin planning now rather than react to a crisis later.

We are grateful for your vision in recognizing the importance of this issue and for actively seeking input from our offices. We look forward to continuing this dialogue and to working with the Board of Commissioners toward solutions that will serve the administration of justice in Walton County for years to come.

Thank you again for your time and for your commitment to our community.

Respectfully,


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Chief Judge, Alcovy Judicial Circuit
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District Attorney, Alcovy Judicial Circuit


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