

Real Property

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I want everyone to know how I stand on the issue. I met with Mike Fields and John Kelley On Tuesday 6/28. We will again discuss this subject at the July 11 Commissioners' Court.

Facts..

- We do not know what the eventual use of the Witt building on the corner will be
- We don't know if or when the Court will approve a remodel of the annex (concern Has been expressed about the suitability of this old building for a remodel)
- Adding a restroom to the vacant Witt building and punching a hole through the west Wall of Probation will be an expensive undertaking and will cut down on usable Square footage in the existing probation offices. It will also be disruptive and would Possibly require modification of Kathi and Gaye's office with a tear out of expensive Cabinetry
- Putting a restroom in the hallway between the Jury/conference room and the data/phone Room would block a logical entry point into the annex. It would also be an expensive Addition in that there is no existing water supply or sewer nearby

In my opinion, the cost of putting a door through the brick wall in the existing hallway, as was Originally planned, is the most cost efficient way to provide access to restrooms. This would Not require the addition of an expensive restroom and would not limit future options. We Could easily make this a secure door with pushbutton, fingerprint, or keyed access. This door Could still serve as the entry point into the Jury room if a courtroom is ever built as planned. We would not be "overloading" the current annex public restrooms as Commissioner Riddle Has suggested. With the removal of Judy Cook's staff, we really have not added any more Load.

While this may not be the most convenient way to provide restroom access for probation, I believe it makes the most sense.

Thanks,
Brian