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Jail Space

The County Jail was built with the capacity of 182 prisoners.

A report for August, 2018 from the Jail Standards report for the previous 45 days we have averaged 99 prisoners per day. This includes prisoners that we are taking for other entities, including out of state prisoners. We have been averaging around 100 prisoners per day for the last several years.

The Sheriff says that the crime rate is being reduced due to his law enforcement abilities and I agree with him. Therefore if this trend continues we should need less jail space.

The sheriff says that some jail cells cannot be used due to a plumbing problem and suggest that we buy a building for \$250,000.00. The sheriff says that it would be expensive to make the plumbing repairs, because the floor is going to have to be broken up to make the necessary repairs.

Would I be correct to assume that the County is not planning to make the necessary repairs and just leave this part of the jailed closed?

I believe that we should find out exactly how much it would cost to repair the plumbing and compare that to the cost of buying another old building and configuring that building to fit our needs

We have spent over one million dollars to remodel the Elections office building, Adult Probation offices and the Riddle Street building.

We spent over \$50,000.00 to remodel the Witt Building on the corner and rented it out for a discounted price, letting the renters configure it to their needs. We spent over \$300,000 to buy and remodel the Riddle Street building and rented it out.