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Delaware County Unveils Facilities Master Plan: Historic Courthouse to be Renovated

DELAWARE, Ohio — Delaware County has unveiled a master plan for the county government's facilities that should see it through at least the next decade.

“With the County’s population anticipated to grow another 20 percent by 2030, we have determined that county government will need to grow 10 percent across the board in order to best serve our residents,” said Jon Melvin, Delaware County’s Director of Facilities Management. “And to handle our own growth, we have had to think strategically and cost-effectively about how to best use our facilities.”

The plan to consolidate locations and reduce the number of buildings that the County owns and operates will improve efficiency and provide better customer service to our residents and businesses.

At the Commissioners’ session today, Melvin presented the board with a Facilities Master Plan that was authored in partnership with Columbus-based engineering firm Star Consultants. A key factor in the plan’s recommendations is the anticipated purchase of the North Campus of the Delaware Area Career Center (located at 1610 State Route 521, Delaware). The Commissioners voted to accept the Facilities Master Plan.

Among the highlights of the plan’s recommendations:

- The North Campus site will be renovated to house these offices: Sheriff’s administrative offices; County Engineer; Code Compliance Department; Sanitary Engineer (Regional Sewer District); Delaware County Regional Planning Commission; Facilities Management department; and the Delaware County Dog Shelter.
- When the Hayes Administration Building (140 N. Sandusky St.) fills completely, the Job and Family Services department will relocate to the North Campus.
- The historic Courthouse will be renovated and will house the Commissioners’ Office, Human Resources department, Economic Development department and Veterans Service Commission.
- A number of buildings will be sold after they are vacated: 109 N. Sandusky St., 115 N. Sandusky St., 149 N. Sandusky St., 1405 U.S. Route 23 N, 50 Channing St., 4781 County Home Road.

Selling the vacated buildings is expected to generate approximately 25 percent of the estimated \$22,035,751 cost of these renovations and relocations. Completion of all phases of the plan is expected no sooner than May 2020.

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NOTE: Digital copies of the Facilities Master Plan are available upon request from Sarah Dinovo, Assistant Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, sdinovo@co.delaware.oh.us.

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