



RICE COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER

FACILITY STATS

• **83,333 square feet total.** 41,183 square feet for Rice County Sheriff's Office, 42,151 for the 76-bed jail. Another 19,800 square feet for the adjacent Storage Facility/Training Space.

• Entire Public Safety Center will utilize a **system designed to limit spread of viruses, harmful fumes or substances.**

JAIL

Design focuses on staff and detainee safety and well-being. With most detainees having mental/chemical health issues, the facility addresses those needs with natural light, color, and space to learn, relieve stress and prepare to return to the community.

- **Flexible cell area** allows space to meet the needs of an ever-changing population.
- **10x the amount of recreational and programming space** meets DOC standards, allows detainees to remain physically active and reduce stress. Rec space includes a large open area and some equipment.
- **Computer lab and classroom** space for classes and small group activities.
- **Dedicated medical/mental health unit** to segregate detainees in need.
- **Indirect supervision** of detainees provides

two levels of security.

- **Centralized control** over all entrances permits detainees to move unescorted.
- Two intake **holding units** and prebook area for arresting officers enhance security.
- **Body scanner** to determine if incoming detainee has ingested dangerous substances.
- **Larger sally port** can accommodate most any vehicle, including ambulances.
- **Staff break room** inside secured portion of facility.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE & TRAINING/STORAGE SPACE

- **Three meeting rooms** for training or meetings, or hosting outside agencies.
- **Separate entrances** for the public, work release and bail bondsmen offers improved traffic flow.
- **Improved evidence storage** area.

• **Dedicated offices/work stations** for every deputy and staff member, and some room to expand.

• **1,800 square feet of on-site training space**, including use-of-force training area for deputies and K9s. Building includes kennel space for K9s.

PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER PROJECT TIMELINE

- JULY 26, 2019**
State Department of Corrections notifies county it's upgrading the county's main jail to a 90-day facility.
- JULY 30, 2019**
Board of Commissioners approves issuing an RFP for a study of the jail and improvements needed to meet DOC requirements.
- APRIL 28, 2020**
Board appoints task force to work with consultants Klein McCarthy Architects on jail study.
- FEB. 9, 2021**
Jail study presented to the board. Study looks at expanding on site adjacent to Main Jail and Jail Annex site, and building new.
- APRIL 2021**
Board holds two public meetings to discuss jail study and consider options presented.
- APRIL 6, 2021**
Board discusses partnership with Steele County on its jail. DOC officials say available Steele Co. beds misleading and it can't meet Rice Co's needs.
- MAY 4, 2021**
Board votes to build a new Public Safety Center on an undeveloped site.
- SEPT. 14, 2021**
Board approves purchase of 109.2 acres off Hwy. 3 at 30th Street in Faribault for \$1.65M. A portion will be the site of the new Public Safety Center.
- JAN. 31, 2022**
Board votes to seek legislative approval to put a .375% sales tax referendum on November ballot. Funds would help pay for safety center.
- MARCH 22, 2022**
Board approves Public Safety Center design development plan, estimate and platting proposal.
- APRIL 12, 2022**
County staff receives board authorization to let bids for construction of Public Safety Center.
- JUNE 7, 2022**
Board approves \$32.9 million in bids for construction of Safety Center. Two items need to be rebid.
- JULY 2, 2022**
\$2.165 million bid to build storage facility at PSC awarded to Met-Con Construction.
- JULY 19, 2022**
Board OKs \$48.86 million bond sale (3.78% interest rate) to finance Public Safety Center as well as \$1.43 million bid for concrete work.
- AUG. 9, 2022**
Public Safety Center groundbreaking; construction begins.
- NOVEMBER 2022**
Construction of storage/training facility at PSC site and installation of 8'x20' pre-cast concrete walls begins.
- FALL 2024**
Safety Center complete.



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