



JACKSON COUNTY DETENTION CENTER

COUNTY LEGISLATURE
MONTHLY REPORT
SEPTEMBER 2025

CONSTRUCTION STATUS

As of the week of September 2, approximately 300 individuals are actively working on the new Detention Center project. Construction remains on schedule and within the approved budget. There are 98 days remaining until the contractual Substantial Completion date of December 10, 2025, when the facility will be officially turned over to the County. Final completion, including all FF&E and technology installation, is scheduled for February 12, 2026.

Recent progress includes significant work on both the building interior and exterior, as well as site improvements:

Interior Work: Installation of detention and security systems, drywall and metal stud framing, painting, ceilings, finishes, and casework. Mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire protection rough-ins are underway. Major systems such as chillers, rooftop units, and cooling towers are now operational.

Equipment & Technology: Kitchen and laundry equipment installation will begin this fall. FF&E installation is scheduled to begin in October. County-supplied technology—including the enterprise network, radio system, inmate tracking, and audio-visual systems—has been contracted and will also begin installation this fall.

Site Work: On-site storm drainage is complete. Curbs for Ewing Avenue, site roads, and parking lots are in place, with paving now underway. Ewing Avenue has received its base asphalt course, and the City's water main extension is complete and awaiting activation. All site concrete will be completed this week, with landscaping scheduled to begin in late September. Site and street lighting installation is in progress.

Utilities & Infrastructure: The building is on permanent power, and final gas connections are expected this week. Final MODOT intersection plans will be submitted this week, with construction to occur prior to project completion.



Above: Images of Ewing Avenue and the building façade.



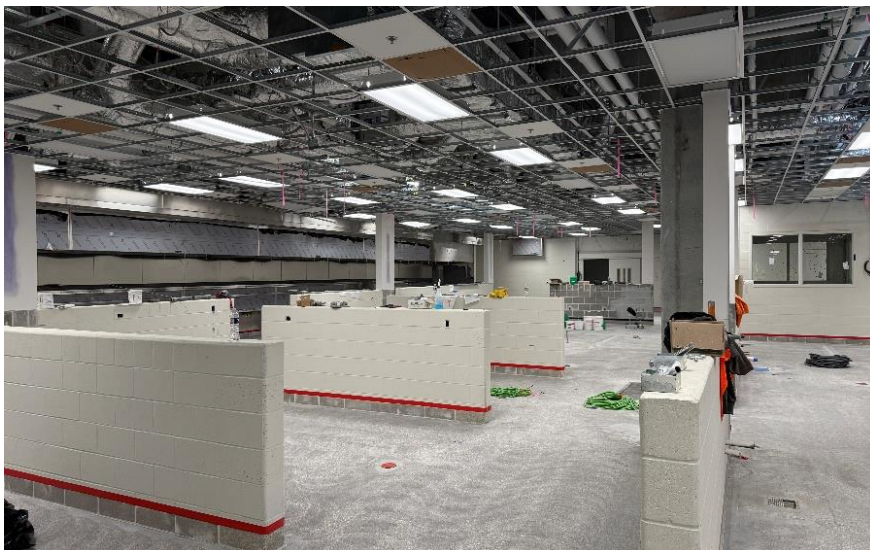
Above: Images of the staff and visitor parking and building entry.



Above: Interior courtyard and secure entry lobby.



Above: Inmate dayroom and housing.



Above: Kitchen and Laundry areas prior to equipment installation.



Above: Central utility plant.

TRANSITION & ACTIVATION

The JCDC Transition and Activation team are preparing for the final Quarterly Transition Meeting on September 17, ahead of the facility’s substantial completion in mid-December. At that milestone, responsibilities will shift as punch lists are finalized and remaining corrections identified. Once accepted by the County, Corrections staff will assume control of the building, managing access for contractors, vendors, and user groups as preparations for occupancy move forward.

JCDC will return on September 16–17, 2025, to continue in-person training sessions, equipping staff both for daily operations and for the critical tasks required between substantial completion and full activation. The transition period will be pivotal in establishing systems and processes that ensure a smooth opening and long-term operational success.

COMMUNICATIONS

The project team continues to maintain active engagement with key stakeholders to ensure transparency and alignment throughout the construction process. Regular project updates, on-site tours, and coordination meetings have been conducted to keep stakeholders informed of progress and upcoming milestones. Activities have included detailed briefings on construction activities, schedule status, and site logistics.