



JACKSON COUNTY DETENTION CENTER

FACT SHEET
Q1 2026

JUSTICE WITH DIGNITY

In order to provide for the public safety of the citizens of Jackson County, it is sometimes necessary to detain and house those who may harm themselves or others in the County Detention Center. Most of these individuals are awaiting trial, sentencing, or, if sentenced, incarceration at state institutions.

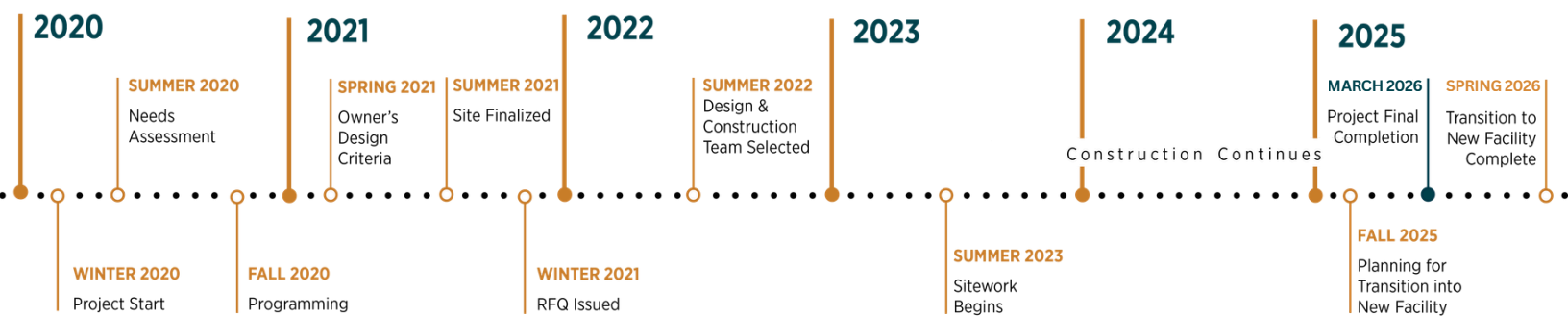
Jackson County will meet the community’s needs by planning and building a detention center that is safe, secure, efficient to operate, and incorporates thoughtfully designed long-term solutions for the Jackson County Justice System.

One of the key elements of planning, building, and operating a detention center, is respecting the dignity of detained individuals. To accomplish this, the facility will provide evidence-based treatment and training opportunities that address the needs of the individual and the underlying causes of criminal behavior.

BUDGET AND TIMELINE UPDATE

The Detention Center project is on schedule and remains within budget with Substantial Completion completed in December 2025. Building turnover will be completed in February 2026. Significant construction progress has been made as activities continue according to the project cost and schedule. The final elements of the overall Guaranteed Maximum Price contract, Component Packages 3 & 4, have been approved by the County Legislature.

PROJECT SCHEDULE



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CONSTRUCTION STATUS

The Jackson County Detention Center project achieved substantial completion in December 2025. The corrections staff are now focusing on transitioning from an active construction site to a secure justice campus. This requires a concerted effort to ensure there is a coordination of training, alignment of policies and operations, a systematic exercising of the building systems for functionality, and alignment with operational needs. Stakeholder engagement has begun with increasing frequency to aid in transition efforts prior to the opening of the Jackson County Detention Center.



The County will move into the facility in the Spring of 2026. JE Dunn is still very active at the site doing final installations and touch ups throughout the facility. This pace is expected to continue for the next couple of months. As shown in the images above and below, interior spaces, exterior elements, building systems, and site components are essentially complete.



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