



# JACKSON COUNTY DETENTION CENTER

**FACT SHEET**  
March 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.

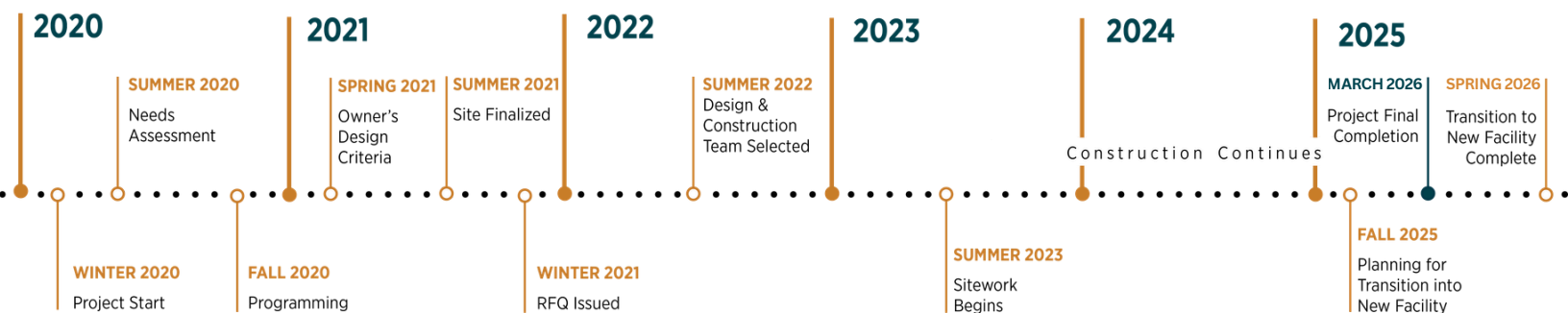
One of the key elements of planning, building, and operating a detention center, is respecting the dignity of detained individuals. To accomplish this, the facility will provide evidence-based treatment and training opportunities that address the needs of the individual and the underlying causes of criminal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

## PURPOSE

Overcrowding and deteriorating facilities required the need for an upgraded Jackson County Detention Center. With a new facility comes a new approach. Jackson County has established a multi-phase plan to support the planning, design, construction, and activation of a new jail facility for its citizens.

The new facility will institute best management practices, and a better environment for detainees, visitors, and employees. It will include educational resources and social services programs—all aimed at making our community safer by reducing relapse into criminal behavior and helping to encourage productive members of society.

## PROJECT TIMELINE



# PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Jackson County Detention Center project achieved substantial completion in December 2025. The project was delivered on time and within the budget in February 2026. The kitchen, laundry, and infrastructure have been designed to support day room expansion.

## Guiding Principles

- State-of-the-art detention center developed utilizing best practices
- Professional and constitutional standards
- Evidence-based treatment and training opportunities
- Safe, secure, efficient to operate
- Programmed for long-term solutions



# PROJECT FACTS



📍 **7000 East US Highway 40**  
Kansas City, Missouri

<b>\$317M</b> <i>Construction Cost</i>	<b>1,000</b> <i>Bed Facility</i>	<b>470,000</b> <i>Square Feet (Approx.)</i>
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- Exceeded Workforce Participation Goals
  - **25.57%** MBE; **18.61%** WBE; **0.64%** VBE
- Total of 273 Prefabricated Cells
- 7-9 Feet of Fill used to Raise Site out of Floodplain

## JACKSON COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Jalen Anderson, 1st District at Large  
Manuel Abarca IV, 1st District  
Donna Peyton, 2nd District at Large  
Venessa Huskey, 2nd District  
Megan Smith, 3rd District at Large

Charlie Franklin, 3rd District  
DaRon McGee, 4th District  
Jeanie Lauer, 5th District  
Sean Smith, 6th District

## COUNTY OFFICIALS

Phil LeVota, County Executive  
Melesa Johnson, County Prosecutor  
Darryl Forté, Sheriff  
Kevin Harrell, Presiding Judge