

Bourbon and Miami Counties

Unveil New Detention Facilities

By Goldberg Group Architects

Two of the original 36 counties along the eastern border of Kansas, Bourbon and Miami, both established in 1855, share another dedication milestone. 2017 marked the opening of new detention facilities for each of these counties. "It takes political will and a vision of the future for elected officials to move forward on important infrastructure projects when the economy is challenging, and the construction market is difficult," said Lawrence Goldberg of Goldberg Group Architects, the firm which designed both facilities. Miami and Bourbon County Officials worked closely with the design team at GGA to adjust the scope and budget to move their projects forward.

The Bourbon County Jail built in 1977 to hold 27 inmates was housing 46. The new state-of-the-art 23,000 square foot, 74-bed facility contains detention housing, sheriff's offices, and support facilities such as an Emergency Operations Center (EOC), canine runs, and a shelled housing pod for future expansion of 16 additional beds. The project cost totaled \$9 million including all construction fees and furnishings. There were \$0 in Change Orders for the project--practically unheard of in today's construction environment and on buildings of this complexity and size.

The Bourbon County Law Enforcement Center is located on a greenfield site on the edge of town in Fort Scott, the county seat. Using a greenfield site allowed the county to utilize a pre-engineered building for the exterior envelope, thus reducing the overall cost of the project. Stone accents around the main entrance add character and warmth. "Finding a viable site was extremely difficult, delaying the start of the project several months," explained Commissioner Lynne Oharah, "but the result was worth it. We've had a great relationship with our project team and a great project outcome."



Bourbon County
Above: Pod A
Left: Dorm Housing

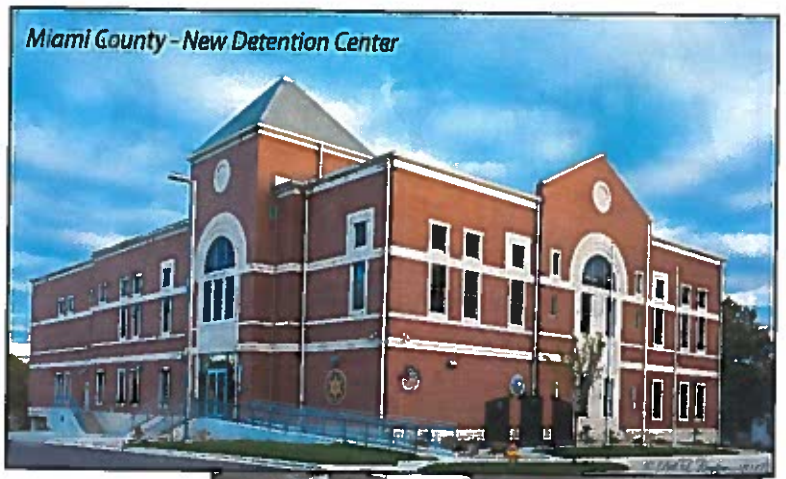
The Miami County jail, built in 1967 immediately adjacent to the courthouse, originally included living quarters for the sheriff and his family and was designed to house 42 inmates. Over the intervening years, the living quarters were converted to offices for the department and the capacity diminished to 22 as the county responded to new state jail standards. To avoid overcrowding, the jail division transported its inmates to area county jails costing taxpayers substantial expenditures every year. The decision was made to apply these funds to a new detention center in Paola.

A site near an existing courthouse is often more costly than a greenfield site, however, maintaining the jail location on a "courthouse square" often contributes to the long-term vitality of the town's central business district. This was the compelling reason for the Miami Board of Commissioners to work closely with Goldberg Group Architects

to locate their new Detention Center directly across from the current courthouse. The project's exterior echoes the county's historic courthouse with similar materials, arched windows, stone trim, and entry tower. The increased costs of construction for this historically compatible exterior is offset by more cost effective operations in moving inmates for court appearances through the new underground tunnel connecting the two facilities. All of Miami County's Commissioners are in agreement saying, "We couldn't be more pleased with Goldberg's design--it doesn't look like a jail and it pays respect to our county's architectural heritage. Members of the community have voiced their satisfaction on numerous occasions."

Miami County's \$18.1 million project completed by Lloyd Builders, includes a 96-bed detention center, sheriff's department, jail administration, 911 dispatch, emergency operations center (EOC), 200' tunnel,

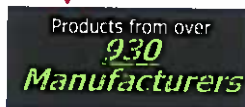
substantially increased courthouse parking, and two important memorials around the new project— one for fallen officers and the other for first responders from 9/11.★



Miami County
Above: Booking
Left: Miami County Sheriff's
Deputies at the ribbon cutting.

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