

## **Polk County Court Space Update**

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What NCSC recommends over the next 20 years is this:

- Acquire the Wellmark building for office and courtroom space (in the basement).
- Remodel the historic courthouse as a Civil courts building.
- Use the old jail as a criminal Courts building.
- Move Juvenile court out to Hull Ave.

Phasing is very flexible. Steps can be taken when financing is available.  
Night Court is not recommended - no CIP costs, but Operational costs are very high.

The 'Plex as office/courtrooms has lower CIP costs than the Wellmark Building, but prisoner movement is worse, and Operational costs are higher.  
Other commercial office space (Ruan bldg.) is OK for offices, but not courtrooms.

County administration must figure out a financing plan. Prairie Meadows revenues, again, for CIP? Some Operating costs could be offset by savings in leasing costs.

If you'd like to see more detail, I can pdf some key pages and email them.  
The full report is 121 pages long and is available at the office.