

CAPITAL PLANNING ADVISORY BOARD

**2020-2026
Agency Capital Plan**

Staff Analysis and Comments

BRANCH:

Judicial - Court of Justice

OVERVIEW

The Kentucky Court of Justice (KCOJ) includes the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), Circuit Court, District Court, Court of Appeals, Supreme Court, and Circuit Court Clerks.

The Administrative Office of the Courts is the operational arm of the Judicial Branch. The AOC supports court facilities and programs in all 120 counties, with its main campus in Frankfort. The AOC carries out duties that are mandated by the Kentucky Constitution, including administering the Judicial Branch budget, building and maintaining court facilities, maintaining court statistics through a statewide case management database, administering personnel policies and payroll for court personnel, and providing educational programs for judges, circuit court clerks and support staff. There are nine departments at AOC: Public Information, Budget Office, Administrative Services, Family and Juvenile Services, Human Resources, Legal Services, Pretrial Services, Specialty Courts, and Information/Technology Services.

The Facilities Division is responsible for 242 facilities occupied by the Court of Justice. These include both local government-owned and agency-leased facilities which total over 2.9 million square feet. Responsibilities handled by this division include providing technical and logistical assistance to court officials and local governments in designing, operating, maintaining, renovating, and equipping courtroom and office space as well as overseeing the distribution and inventory of furnishing. Assistance is provided in OSHA, ADA, and Historic Preservation Act issues. AOC provides oversight for maintenance and janitorial services in all KCOJ occupied facilities. Contracts for janitorial or maintenance are issued by the local government.

Changes in Space During the current planning period, the Court of Justice acquired approximately 22,000 square feet of office space and eliminated about 5,000 square feet of office space in Henry, Jefferson, McCracken, and Madison counties.

PROPOSED PROJECTS

Fund Source	<u>2020-2022</u>	<u>2022-2024</u>	<u>2024-2026</u>	<u>Total</u>
Other Long-Term Bonds	<u>\$81,560,000</u>	<u>\$116,595,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>\$198,155,000</u>
Total	\$81,560,000	\$116,595,000	0	\$198,155,000

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PLAN OVERVIEW

FORM SYP-P1

Branch:

Judicial Branch

Cabinet / Function:

Judicial Cabinet

Agency / Institution:

Court of Justice

Before the passage of the 1975 Judicial Article, local governments were responsible for the construction and maintenance of the commonwealth's judicial facilities. Many of Kentucky's court facilities were constructed before 1975 and some are up to 150 years old. As a result, many court facilities are severely deficient in space, offer inadequate security, cannot accommodate new court technology, and are not accessible to all citizens.

The Administrative Office of the Courts, Facilities Division, oversees capital construction projects. The 2014 General Assembly authorized judicial center projects in Henry and Nicholas counties. The 2018 General Assembly authorized judicial center projects in Bath and Oldham counties and a renovation of the first floor in the Jefferson County Hall of Justice.

In the 2020-2026 Capital Plan, the KCOJ is asking for five projects in the first biennium and four in the second biennium.

Kentucky Court of Justice
Proposed Projects Involving the General Fund

*For the court facility projects, amounts are appropriated from the **general fund for use allowance payments** that support the debt service for local bonds issued to construct the project.*

2020-2022

1 Construction - Butler County **\$11,860,000**

Construction of a 20,000-square-foot judicial facility to accommodate the Kentucky Court of Justice functions which include but are not limited to Circuit Court, Family Court, District Court, Circuit Court Clerk, Specialty Courts, Pretrial Services, and Juvenile Services. The current courthouse is deficient in space and is not configured for safe, effective, and efficient Court of Justice operations. The new judicial center will be in Butler County and is projected to meet the needs of the county for at least 50 years. The building will be 100 percent occupied by the Court of Justice. AOC is asking for authorization for a new stand-alone building. A feasibility study has been conducted and it determined that a new stand-alone building best suits the needs of the county. (C-O).

CPAB Staff Notes

- *The general fund use allowance is \$1,116,800.*
- *This project was included in the agency's last capital plan - \$9,315,000, Priority #2. The project scope has increased due to increased construction cost estimates.*

2 Renovation/Addition - Crittenden County **\$11,965,000**

Renovation and addition totaling a 20,000-square-foot judicial facility to accommodate the Kentucky Court of Justice functions which include but are not limited to Circuit Court, Family Court, District Court, Circuit Court Clerk, Specialty Courts, Pretrial Services, and Juvenile Services. The current courthouse is deficient in space and is not configured for safe, effective, and efficient Court of Justice operations. The renovation and addition in Crittenden County are projected to meet the needs of the county for at least 50 years. It will be occupied by both the county and the Court of Justice. AOC is asking for authorization for the renovation/addition. A feasibility study has been conducted and it determined that a renovation and addition to the existing building best suits the needs of the county. (C-O)

CPAB Staff Notes

- *The annual general fund use allowance is \$1,127,100.*
- *This project was included in the agency's last capital plan - \$6,003,000, Priority #3. The project scope has increased due to increased construction cost estimates.*

3 Renovation/Addition - Jessamine County **\$28,440,000**

Project will be a renovation of the annex, renovation/construction of an adjacent building and historic office space, and construction of an addition to accommodate the Kentucky Court of Justice functions which include but are not limited to Circuit Court, Family Court, District Court, Circuit Court Clerks, Specialty Courts, Pretrial Services, and Juvenile Services. The current courthouse and annex is deficient in space and is not configured for safe, effective, and efficient Court of Justice operations. AOC is asking for authorization for the renovation and addition which is a total of 49,800 square feet. (C-O)

CPAB Staff Notes

- *The annual general fund use allowance is \$2,738,300.*
- *This project was included in the agency's last capital plan - \$10,102,000, Priority #4. The project scope has increased due to increased construction cost estimates.*

4 Construction - Clinton County **\$17,435,000**

Construction of a 30,000 square foot building in Clinton County to accommodate the Kentucky Court of Justice functions which include but are not limited to Circuit Court, Family Court, District Court, Circuit Court Clerk, Specialty Courts, Pretrial Services, and Juvenile Services. The current courthouse does not meet the needs of the KCOJ. AOC is asking for authorization for construction of a new building. (C-O)

CPAB Staff Notes

- *The annual general fund use allowance is \$1,661,200.*
- *This project was included in the second biennium of agency's last capital plan as a renovation of the current court facility (\$6,910,000). The project has changed in scope and will now provide for the construction of a new stand-alone court facility.*

5 Construction - Owsley County **\$11,860,000**

Construction of a new courthouse in Owsley County that accommodates the Kentucky Court of Justice functions which include Circuit Court, Family Court, District Court, and Circuit Court Clerk. The current courthouse is deficient in space and is not configured for safe, effective, and efficient Court of Justice operations. AOC is asking for authorization for the construction of a new building. (C-O)

CPAB Staff Notes

- *The annual general fund use allowance is \$1,116,800.*
- *This project was included in the second biennium of the agency's last capital plan as a renovation of the current court facility (\$2,590,000). The project has changed in scope and will now provide for the construction of a new stand-alone court facility.*

2022-2024

Construction - Barren County	\$32,115,000
Construction - Scott County	37,330,000
Construction - Woodford County	28,440,000
Renovation/Addition - Spencer County	18,710,000

**COURT OF JUSTICE
Authorized Projects**

Project Title	County	Authorization	Status
Construction - Bath County	Bath	2018-2020	Planning
E-Case and Docket Management System	Multi	2014-2016	In development
Henry County	Henry	2014-2016	In construction
Mason County Judicial Center (Repairs)	Mason	2016-2018	Complete/In Warranty
Nicholas County	Nicholas	2014-2016	Design/Phase B
Renovation - Jefferson Co. Hall of Justice	Jefferson	2018-2020	Metro Government doesn't want to start project now
Renovation/Addition - Oldham County	Oldham	2018-2020	Planning
Simpson County Judicial Center (Repairs)	Simpson	2016-2018	Complete/In Warranty

Completed Court Facility Construction Projects

Adair County.....	Completed 02/2010
Allen County.....	Completed 09/2012
Boyd County.....	Completed 06/2009
Bracken County.....	Completed 06/2013
Breckinridge County.....	Completed 04/2012
Campbell County.....	Completed 06/2012
Carlisle County.....	Completed 04/2011
Fleming County.....	Completed 01/2012
Franklin County.....	Completed 12/2013
Gallatin County.....	Completed 04/2008
Garrard County.....	Completed 01/2012
Grant County.....	Completed 02/2010
Grayson County.....	Completed 05/2009
Green County.....	Completed 03/2010
Hancock County.....	Completed 07/2011
Hart County.....	Completed 10/2008
Hopkins County.....	Completed 04/2012
Jackson County.....	Completed 02/2010
Laurel County.....	Completed 05/2010
Lawrence County.....	Completed 11/2013
Livingston County.....	Completed 12/2008
Logan County.....	Completed 02/2010
Marion County.....	Completed 07/2011
Mason County Repair Project.....	Completed 02/2019
Mercer County.....	Completed 03/2012
Monroe County.....	Completed 06/2011
Morgan County.....	Completed 04/2014
Owen County.....	Completed 08/2012
Pendleton County.....	Completed 03/2010
Pike County.....	Completed 08/2013
Pulaski County.....	Completed 09/2010
Robertson County.....	Completed 06/2009
Rowan County.....	Completed 05/2011
Russell County.....	Completed 07/2011
Shelby County.....	Completed 12/2011
Simpson County Repair Project.....	Completed 01/2019
Taylor County.....	Completed 10/2009
Todd County.....	Completed 08/2012
Trigg County.....	Completed 08/2009
Washington County.....	Completed 01/2009
Whitley County.....	Completed 10/2011
Wolfe County.....	Completed 06/2012