



Proposed Dodge County & City of Fremont Joint Law Enforcement Center Corner of 29th Street & Lincoln Avenue

This is the seventh flyer of an eight-part series to provide information in regards to the proposed Joint Law Enforcement Center. The entire series can be found on the City of Fremont’s website: <http://www.fremontne.gov/826/Joint-Law-Enforcement-Center>. This flyer describes the anticipated timeline.

Estimated Timeline for Proposed Joint Law Enforcement Center

The fate of the Joint Law Enforcement Center is in the hands of the Dodge County and City of Fremont voters. When the votes are tallied on November 3, 2020, this project will either move forward as shown in the estimated timeline below or the County Supervisors and Mayor/City Council will have to decide how to address the needs for law enforcement and public safety.

	Nov 2020	Dec 2020 thru Mar 2021	Mar 2021 thru Apr 2021	Apr 2021	May 2021 thru July 2022	Aug 2022
Approve final design costs	◆					
Final design	→					
Construction bids sought			→			
Approve construction bid				◆		
Construction				→		
Project Completion					On time!	★

Depending on the vote, there will be essentially six major tasks remaining to complete the Joint Law Enforcement Center. Please note that there are two approval points required by the County Board of Supervisors and the Fremont Mayor/City Council after voters approve the two bond issues. Here is an explanation of the six remaining tasks:

1 - Approve final design costs: So far, the County Supervisors and the Mayor/City Council have authorized spending up to 35% of the total design costs or enough of the design to get a good handle on the total cost of the joint center. In order to move forward, both the Supervisors and Mayor/City Council will have to authorize the Police Facility Design Group to complete the remaining 65% of the design drawings for the joint center. This will lead to the final design, which is the next step.

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2 – Final design: It will take the Police Facility Design Group approximately four months to complete the final design drawings for the joint center. The final design drawings are required before bids can be sought from contractors for construction.

3- Construction bids sought: Formal bids will be required for this project. A solicitation to submit a bid will be published and bids will be taken for approximately 30 days. After the bid cutoff date, bids will be reviewed and scored by the joint County/City committee before making a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors and Mayor/City Council for approval.

4 – Approve construction bid: This is the second and final approval point required by the Board of Supervisors and Mayor/City Council. It is anticipated that this approval will be considered in April of 2021 and groundbreaking in May, 2021.

5 – Construction: This is the longest period of time for the project and is estimated to be 14 months. One advantage of building a “new” building, rather than remodeling existing buildings, is that no law enforcement activities by the Sheriff, Police, or 911 Communication Departments would be disrupted during construction. Instead, they would continue to provide the same level of law enforcement services at their existing buildings before moving to the new building when it is completed.

6- Project completion: An open house, where the public can tour and see the new joint center, will cap off the project.

While the six major tasks (listed above) are underway, there will be many minor tasks that must be completed. One important task will be to secure a credit rating, determine a term (15, 20, or 30-year) for bond repayment, and lock in an interest rate.



Talk Shop with a Cop: Every week in October from 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at:
Tuesdays at Hy-Vee
Wednesdays at Menards
Thursdays at Hy-Vee

Other Public Events:

October 22, 2020, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Fremont City Auditorium Community Room
925 N. Broad Street, Fremont

Questions and Answers:

Q: Why must Fremont voters consider two ballot questions?

A: Fremont voters will vote on a County and a City ballot question, because they live both in the County and in the City. Voters outside Fremont will only vote on the County ballot question.

Q: If the City and the County build separate law enforcement buildings, would Fremont voters still be asked two ballot questions?

A: Yes, constructing two separate facilities doesn't change the fact that Fremont voters live in both the County and the City, so they would be required to vote on a new County building and a new City building.

Q: Would it cost less if the County and City each built their own law enforcement building?

A: No, it would likely cost more because they would not share common areas, such as a training room, locker room, and garage space, as well as building equipment like security, computer network, HVAC, electrical, and plumbing systems.

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