



TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY COURTHOUSE KEY ISSUES

The construction of a new courthouse facility on Morris Road will address all of the major key issues that exist in the current courthouse facility and protect the historic courthouse and downtown Brevard from major disruptions.

Expanding Accessibility for Individuals with Disabilities

- We can design a new facility that guarantees proper access of all parts of the courthouse (from restrooms to the jury box) than we can alter the historic courthouse to guarantee the fundamental rights of our citizens with disabilities to participate in legal proceedings.

Preserving Dignity and Safety of the Public and Victims of Crime

- The proper separation of the judge, the jury, the accused, witnesses and legal professionals will guarantee fair and efficient trials using floor plans tailored to the judicial process, removing currently tight and limited pathways.

Responsible Use of County Tax Dollars

- Expanding the Courthouse in downtown Brevard will cost the taxpayers significantly more over the long term when you factor in the cost of adding a parking deck (which averages \$20,000 per space) and that renovating the historic courthouse will only meet the community's needs for ten to fifteen years (a much quicker turn around than a new facility.) Renovation cannot fully address all safety issues due to structural walls of the historic courthouse.

Guaranteeing the Constitutional Rights of All Judicial System Participants

- Inmates held in hallways and conference rooms during court sessions are not able to access their legal counsel in a confidential way. Meeting this legal requirement requires navigating several logistical hurdles that wouldn't be necessary in a facility designed for the modern judicial process.