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**COUNTY BOARD AUTHORIZES CONSTRUCTION OF SHELL SPACE FOR A NEW
SHERIFF'S OFFICE AT ADULT JUSTICE CENTER**

It is well known that Kane County is in the process of constructing a much needed new Adult Justice Center at the site of the current Kane County Judicial Center at Peck Road and Rte. 38 in Geneva. This facility will replace the old Kane County Jail currently located at 777 E. Fabyan Parkway, Geneva, IL. The new Adult Justice Center will open with 640 beds but is designed to accommodate future expansion as needed.

As the County Board considered the long-term effectiveness of this project, it wrestled with the need to accommodate future growth while remaining fiscally responsible with the resources a project of this size requires. At today's meeting, the County Board voted to approve construction of a "shell space" above one section of the Adult Justice Center that will eventually house a new Kane County Sheriff's office. The cost for this shell space is not to exceed \$4,700,000. While this portion of the project was anticipated from the start, the need for additional beds originally took first priority over office space for the Sheriff. However, the greater construction cost efficiencies that will be realized by building the shell space now with an eye to the future just make good economic sense. Construction of the shell space during the current phase of the project will realize a construction savings of at least \$1.1 million dollars.

A time frame for final build out of the shell space will need to be addressed by the County Board. County Board Chairman Karen McConnaughay has already appointed a Fabyan Property Utilization Subcommittee to look into the future of the property that currently houses the Jail and the Sheriff's office.

Action had to be taken today so that construction of the shell space keeps up with the current construction pace of the Adult Justice Center. The original structure was "beefed up" in anticipation of adding space in the future, and today's action will not affect the scheduled opening of the Adult Justice Center in June of 2008. The shell space is expected to be complete in August of 2008, two months after the Adult Justice Center is open.

McConnaughay added, "The County Board has made a sound decision to construct the shell space for the Sheriff's office at this point in construction, and this action ensures savings for Kane County taxpayers."

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