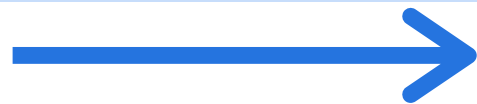




Cumberland County Jail Facts

As COVID-19 has impacted virtually every individual, business, church, and non-profit organization, so too has it affected Cumberland County government. In the face of the tremendous challenges due to COVID-19, the Board of County Commissioners has re-examined the need to construct a new county correctional facility. COVID-19 has greatly accelerated bipartisan bail and sentencing reform initiatives that have resulted in dramatic reductions in our jail population. These policies are mandated by the New Jersey Attorney General's Office and Supreme Court, and they are likely to last long after the COVID-19 pandemic is over.

2017



2020

Decision to Build a New Jail

- Ever increasing costs to operate an obsolete county jail facility which consists of 3 separate buildings constructed in the 1950s, 1960s, and 1980s.
- When the decision was made in 2017 to construct a new correctional facility, the average daily jail population was 400 - including detainees Gloucester County was paying Cumberland County to house.
- CCDOC staff of 184 including correction officers, staff, and administration.
- Construction of modern, efficient facility next to South Woods State Prison would generate cost savings that would pay for cost of construction of new jail as well as detainee holding and court-related facilities adjacent to the courthouse.

Decision to Stop Jail Construction

- Attorney General and State Supreme Court COVID-19 related orders accelerated bail and sentencing reform initiatives resulting in a substantial decrease in jail population (average inmate population approximately 250).
- Gloucester County is sending all detainees to Salem County due to lower cost.
- Newly-implemented long term criminal justice reforms mean fewer people detained and incarcerated in the future.
- Cannot downsize CCDOC staff to safely and efficiently remain in the existing obsolete jail.
- Cannot downsize new jail facility to be cost effective with so few detainees.

NEW PLAN

- Civil Service approved lay-off plan for CCDOC.
- County Workforce Development will be utilized to identify employment opportunities for displaced officers and staff, including 120 open positions in other correctional facilities throughout South Jersey, and to assist their transition into those positions.
- Direct Services Agreement with Atlantic County's Correctional Facility to house CCDOC detainees at a significant savings for the taxpayers of Cumberland County.
- Construct holding facility and court-related facilities adjoining the courthouse.
- Downsize CCDOC to approximately 49 officers, staff, and administration to provide holding center security, transport detainees to and from court appearances and other appointments as well as mandatory administrative duties regarding detainees in other facilities.
- Savings will service jail bond debt and permit funds allocated for new jail construction to be reallocated to other essential projects and programs, including community policing and other anti-crime initiatives.
- Repurpose existing jail site.
- **SAVINGS GUARANTEES NO INCREASE IN THE COUNTY TAX LEVY FOR 3 YEARS.**
- **SAVINGS OF \$8-\$10 MILLION IN THE FIRST YEAR AND MILLIONS THEREAFTER.**