



# SAC COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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To the Citizens of Sac County,

As your elected Sheriff, it is my duty to ensure the safety of everyone in our community. This community includes all of you that call Sac County home as well as the staff that ensure the security of our inmates within the walls of the Sac County Jail. I want to address a matter that affects all of us: the vital need to replace the current Sac County Jail. As I have previously shared, the Sac County Jail that you currently see is the same one that was bid on in September 1939. The security needs for a modern jail vastly differ from requirements of the 1930's and 1940's. Chapter 50 of the Iowa Code encompasses 24 pages of jail facility requirements that the current Sac County Jail cannot meet.

The most recent jail inspection from July 2024 noted: "The Sac County Jail is an older facility that does not meet current needs of the prisoners, staff, or the public. The movement of the prisoners creates a serious liability and safety concern. Staff is doing a very good job with the facility that does not meet the current needs of the county."

I am asking the citizens of Sac County to not only make an investment in infrastructure, but also an investment in the safety and security of our entire community. I recognize the financial considerations that are bound by undertaking the project of a new jail, which will affect all of us in Sac County. I want to maintain transparency about the financial implications of building a new jail versus trying to limp our current jail any further or indefinitely housing Sac County inmates in other counties. Each of these options have different fiscal consequences.

I strongly encourage all of you to attend the upcoming town hall meetings throughout Sac County and the in-person jail tours. The dates and times for these events are currently being finalized and will be made public over the next few days.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "K.W. McClure".

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Ken McClure, Sac County Sheriff