



Potter County Courthouse Departments are Moving

July 28, 2008 – Potter County Courthouse Departments will soon begin relocating into the Santa Fe Building in preparation for the historic restoration of the Courthouse. Work has been underway for the past several months to accommodate the move out and the new office quarters in the Santa Fe are now ready to house the relocated courthouse departments. The schedule for the move-out will be as follows:

<u>Department:</u>	<u>Moving Days:</u>	<u>Offices Closed:</u>
County Attorney's Office:	August 1 – 3	August 1 only
County Judge's Office/ Mental Health	August 4	August 4
Justice of the Peace 1 Constable, Precinct 1	August 4 - 5	August 4 - 5
Collections	August 5	August 5 only
County Court at Law 1 County Court at Law 2	August 5 – 6	August 5 – 6
Records Management Courthouse Security	August 6	August 6 only
County Clerk's Office	August 7 – 9	Noon August 7 – 8

With the Courthouse emptied, Potter County departments will now be operating from the following locations:

Department	Location	Room Number:
County Judge/Mental Health	Santa Fe Building	Suite 101
Early Voting	Santa Fe Building	Suite 102
County Attorney/Hot Check Office	Santa Fe Building	Suite 316A
Records Management	Santa Fe Building	Suite 401
County Clerk/Voter Registration	Santa Fe Building	Suite 418
Justice of the Peace 1	Santa Fe Building	Suite 1103A
Constable, Precinct 1	Santa Fe Building	Suite 1109
Commissioners' Court	Santa Fe Building	Suite 1119 (Auditorium)
Public Notice Board	Santa Fe Building	1 st Floor Lobby



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Department	Location	Room Number:
County Court at Law 1	Santa Fe Building	Suite 1201
Collections	Santa Fe Building	Suite 1208
County Court at Law 2	Santa Fe Building	Suite 1216
Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2	701 S. Pierce	Suite 204
Constable, Precinct 2	701 S. Pierce	Suite 204
Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4	722 N. Polk	Suite A
Constable, Precinct 4	722 N. Polk	Suite A
County Commissioner, Precinct 4	722 N. Polk	Suite A

Preliminary work that will lead into the restoration project will begin shortly after the move-out. The County will be letting bids for a demolition project and an asbestos abatement project in August. Once the demolition work has been done, the County will be able to accurately determine what conditions exist behind the now-exposed walls and the final details will then be worked into the restoration design. The County anticipates bidding the restoration project in December.

County Judge Arthur Ware said he really appreciates the cooperative attitude of the County's employees and officials in the planning for and carrying out of the restoration project. "We've been in the planning phase for this project for years now and our commitment to getting it done has never wavered. The restoration project has been a total team effort, from the Commissioners' Court all the way to all the departments occupying the Courthouse." Judge Ware also expressed his appreciation for the public support being given to the project. "We realize that there will be a short period of inconvenience to the public as we all adjust to our new surroundings. In advance, I want to thank County residents for bearing with us through this move and for the kind words of support I've gotten from citizens regarding the Courthouse Restoration Project. A fully restored courthouse will be a source of pride for the entire Amarillo community and I look forward to the day when we can move back into the courthouse."

As currently projected, Potter County departments may have to operate from these temporary locations for two or more years until the restoration work is fully completed.

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