



## **Warren County Sheriff's Office/Jail**

On Tuesday, August 27, 2019, Warren County officially broke ground for a new Sheriff's Office and Jail.

In 2008, the Warren County Jail had an inmate capacity of 197. At this time, we were over capacity and had been renting bed space from other counties including Butler. We were spending approximately \$1,000,000.00 a year for this bed space.

During this same time frame, the County elected to expand alternative sentencing options, including electronic monitoring, to help ease the overcrowding.

In 2011, members of our Warren County jail staff submitted a plan to the Bureau of Adult Detention to add 83 beds to our existing facility. The plan was approved and in July opened with the additional beds. This allowed us to bring our inmates back to our facility and have not rented bed space since then.

With this addition of beds, our operating capacity now stands at 280. In order to be approved for the additional beds, we were required to remove doors off of many cells. This certainly created some challenges for a staff over the years. In the recent years, a riot occurred in one of our housing units that led to the approval of the doors to be placed back on. This approval only occurred due the new office/jail project being underway.

Over the last few years, our current facility has again been over capacity. This has caused us to work very closely with our courts and judges utilizing an emergency release policy. The policy allows us to release inmates, with low level charges, early to make room for more serious offenders. Over time, finding inmates qualified to be released have become more challenging.

Our new jail bed capacity will be 496 and has the ability, when necessary, to be expanded to 1,000 beds.

The new Sheriff's Office/Jail will also be located in our complex, south of the Board of Elections, and set to open in the summer of 2021.



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