AT A GLANCE: A pair of proposals county officials are considering would expand the Johnson County jail. Here is a look at the two plans, including drawings courtesy engineering firms DLZ and American Structurepoint:

Plan 1

1. Juvenile detention center

Houses juveniles who are court-sentenced, also offers mental health classes and home detention

Capacity: 48

The proposed changes are upgrades to the security system and repairs to the brick exterior of the building.

Future changes could include an addition for more classroom space, a shelter or an alternative school.

2. Community corrections

This is a work-release program where offenders are trained and educated before they re-enter society.

Capacity: 100

New capacity: 149

Full-time employees: 30

Under this plan, corrections would move from its current location to what is now the sheriff's offices and the jail. With this move, the program would gain nearly 50 more beds, a kitchen, offices and a secure area for offenders to check in.

3. Jail housing addition

This area would hold all of the jail inmates, who are now housed in the area that community corrections would take over.

Capacity: 309

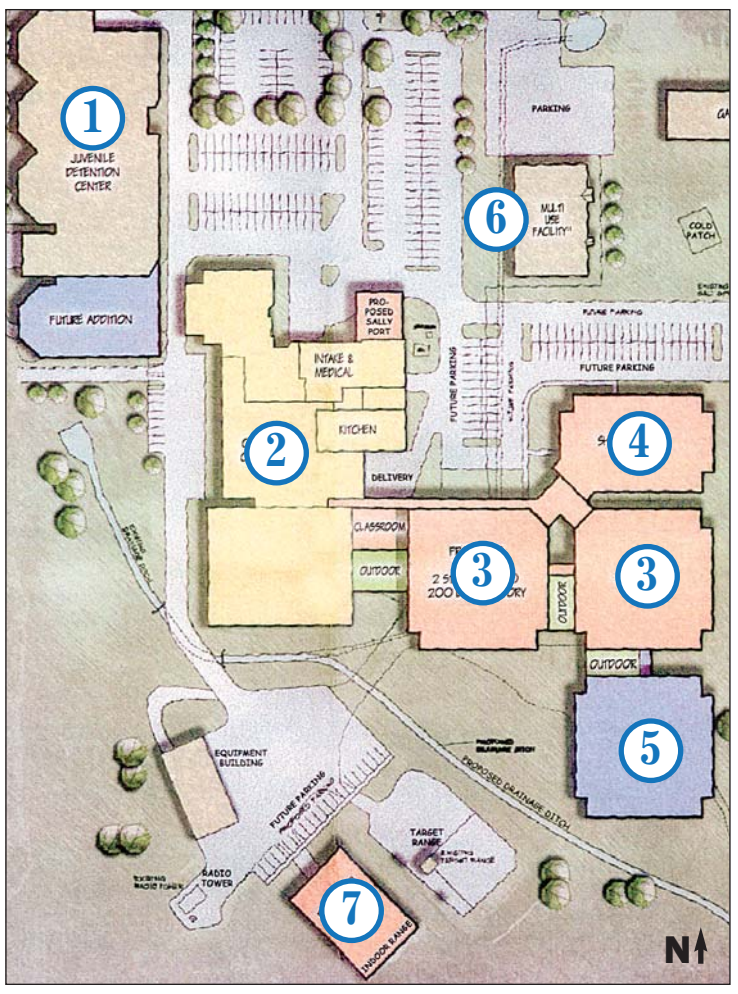
New capacity: 400 to 800

Full-time corrections officers: 49

An option for this plan is to build one or two two-story additions, which would hold up to 400 inmates each. Another option is to build two one-story additions, which would hold a total of 400 inmates. If the additions are built to the east, a drainage ditch that runs to the south of the jail would not have to be moved.

4. Sheriff's administration building

This new one-story building would house the sheriff's deputies, detectives and the claims department. The space these offices occupy now would be given to the community corrections program.



Full-time office employees: 30

This size of the building can't be determined until a study is done on how much office and conference space the sheriff's department needs. The administration building will be connected to the new housing additions. More parking will be added to the north and west of the administration building.

5. Additional housing for the future

With this plan, there is room to the south of the building for additional housing. This building will be attached to other housing areas. An existing equipment building, outdoor target range and radio tower would also stay to the south of the ditch.

6. Multi-use facility

This building currently houses the community corrections program. If that program moves to the jail, this one-story space will be used for police training or storage. It could also be used by the neighboring highway department.

7. Training facility

This new indoor training area would house a target range and space for tactical training. There would also be room for classroom instruction and the storage of equipment and evidence in this one-story building.

Plan 2

1. Juvenile detention center

Houses juveniles who are court-sentenced, also offers mental health classes and home detention

Capacity: 48

The proposed changes are upgrades to the security system and repairs to the brick exterior of the building.

Future changes could include an addition for more classroom space, a shelter or an alternative school.

2. Law enforcement facility

This plan would keep the sheriff's offices where they are, but offers room for expansion since most of the inmates would be moved to the new housing addition.

Full-time office employees: 30

A new secure area to have inmates checked in would be built on the northeast corner of the existing building.

3. Jail housing addition

This area would hold most of the jail inmates, but some will be housed in the attached law enforcement facility. Building this addition would require that the drainage ditch to the south of the jail be moved to the west.

Capacity: 309

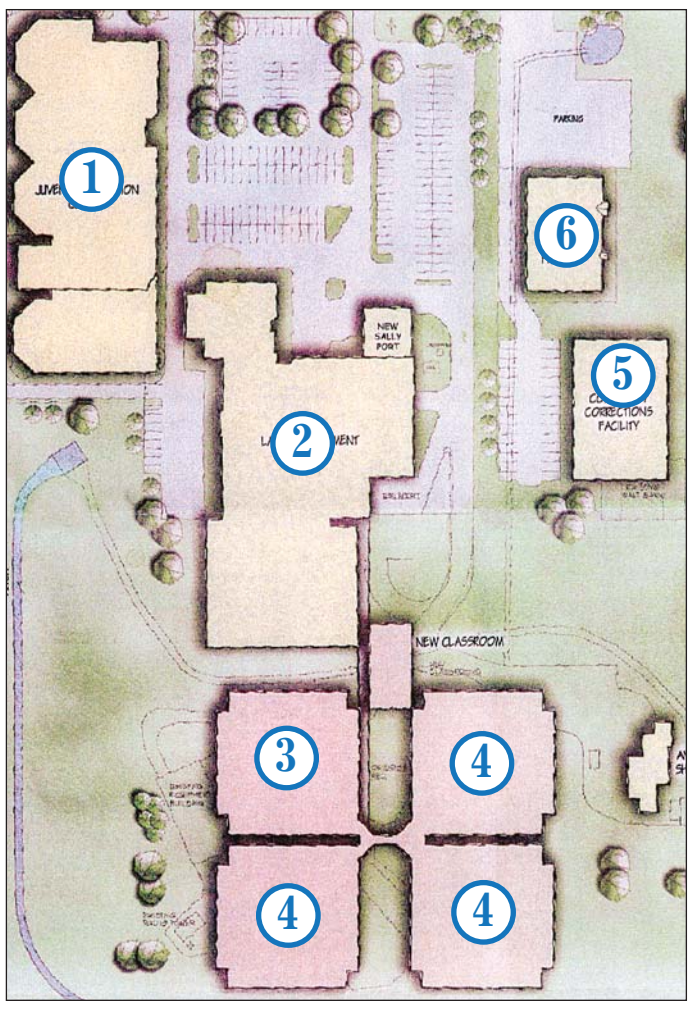
New capacity: 400 to 800

Full-time corrections officers: 49

With this plan, one new housing addition that would be two stories and house 400 inmates would be built. Some inmates would be kept in the existing jail facility, but most would be moved to the new building.

4. Additional housing for the future

There is space to the south and east of the proposed housing addition where more could be built. If these future additions are needed, a radio tower, equipment building and outdoor target range would be demolished.



5. Community corrections

This is a work-release program where offenders are trained and educated before they re-enter society.

Capacity: 100

New capacity: 149

Employees: 30

Under this plan, corrections would get a new building directly behind its existing facility. This building would provide more beds, a secure check-in area, offices and a kitchen.

6. Training facility

This new indoor training facility would be in the building where community corrections is housed now. This space would be used for classroom instruction and the storage of equipment and evidence. It could include an indoor target range and space for tactical training for officers.

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