

Jail Expansion — Medical Wing

Public Safety

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Area: **County-Wide** Location: **26601 Airport Road, Punta Gorda, FL**

Need:

The County Jail maintains accreditation through the Florida Model Jail Standards, Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission, and the National Commission on Correctional Health Care. These standards, including medical housing provisions, are minimum guidelines that jails must meet to ensure that the constitutional rights of those incarcerated are upheld. The medical wing was not expanded under the 2008 jail expansion. A pod meant for housing (64 beds) is currently used for medical needs. The Jail population is increasing annually, creating a demand for more medical housing as well as general housing. Medical beds require separation from general housing. The medical section has rapidly outgrown the makeshift infirmary.

Purpose:

A 128-bed medical wing is necessary to serve clinic, infirmary, mental health, and dental needs of detainees. In 2013, a mental diagnosis was applied to approximately 40% of the jail population. 64 beds for general housing that are currently used for medical housing will become available to mitigate general bed space needed for the growing population.

Objectives:

The construction of the medical wing will reduce the cost for outsourcing patients to area's hospitals and clinics. It will ensure that accreditation standards will be maintained as jail population increases. The expansion will delay the timeline for jail expansion to accommodate general housing by more efficient utilization of current medical housing.

PROJECT COST PRIOR FUNDING:	NONE
PROJECT COST PRIOR FROM SALES TAX:	NONE
TOTAL PROJECT COST:	\$9,110,264
PROJECT COST REQUIRED NEW SALES TAX:	\$9,110,264
ANNUAL OPERATING COST:	\$728,364

Will the project impact public health and safety?

Without the inmate housing and medical area, the judicial system could increase the number of inmates released on bail and medical inmates would continue residing in the county hospitals.

Will the project foster economic development and create long-term jobs?

The expansion will provide long-term correctional officer, medical, maintenance, and contracted staff jobs. Those individuals will purchase/rent homes and utilize consumer services in the county.

Will the project result in decreased, increased, or no operation and maintenance (O&M) costs?

O&M will increase, but to offset the increase are: a higher-efficient energy plant, an end to renting inmate bed space from other counties, and a drastic reduction of hospital bed space. The county will see savings in the costs to transport inmates to hospitals, other county jails and other state jails if Florida jails are fully populated. Excess bed space can be rented to house other counties, state or federal inmates.

Will sales tax allow for application of grant funds from another entity?

No.

Project to be funded by the 1% Local Option Sales Tax Extension if passed by the voters of Charlotte County

Will the project enable furtherance of phased projects from 2008 sales tax extension?

No.

Is this a joint project with another entity?

This project is joint venture with the Sheriff's department.

Will the project meet a community obligation to serve a special needs segment of the County's population, such as: low-income, aged, or minorities?

The project does meet multiple special needs for county citizens.

Is the project included Master Plan and/or Comprehensive Plan?

No.

Will the project impact environmental quality of the County?

Reduces the carbon footprint from the vehicular travel for transporting inmates to hospitals, other counties/states for housing. The new energy efficient facility and green building technology will provide a smaller carbon footprint to the environment.

Percentage of population served

Serves the entire population by incarcerating the anti-social segment.

Will the project improve quality of life in Charlotte County?

Without the jail, the citizens' quality of life would be significantly impacted.

Is the project state or federally mandated?

The state mandate through Florida Model Jail Standards.



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Sales Tax Projects - Jail Expansion - Medical Wing



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SWFWMD
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