



MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 18, 2017

BRAZOS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

WORKSHOP SESSION

1. Call to Order

The Commissioners' Court of Brazos County, Texas met in a Workshop Session in the Brazos County Administration Building in Room 339, Bryan, Brazos County, Texas, beginning at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, September 18, 2017 with the following members of the Court present:

Duane Peters, County Judge, Presiding;
Steve Aldrich, Commissioner of Precinct 1;
Sammy Catalena, Commissioner of Precinct 2, Absent;
Nancy Berry, Commissioner of Precinct 3, Absent;
Irma Cauley, Commissioner of Precinct 4;
Karen McQueen, County Clerk, Absent.

Attached is a list of the citizens and officials in attendance.

Judge Peters called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

2. Presentation and discussions regarding the Juvenile Department Expansion Project.

Dr. Doug Vance, Director of Juvenile Services briefed the Court on the Juvenile Detention Center Expansion. Dr. Vance explained the process and then invited Andy Pitts with Treanor HL to speak.

Mr. Pitts outlined the design and planning of the facility highlighting several components such as: trends, traumatized youth in isolation, minimizing trauma, impact of design and Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA). Mr. Pitts stated that the scope of the project would include 32 additional housing beds; new intake and medical expansion; added education and program areas; a renovated gymnasium; an enlarged kitchen and

receiving area; and an increased Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP). Mr. Pitts presented details and photos for each area of the expansion. He said that the project will take 16 to 20 months to complete. Mr. Pitts noted that the expansion will allow the population to double in the JJAEP and education areas.

Commissioner Aldrich asked where this will put us in 20 years.

Dr. Vance answered by stating that the projected growth of juvenile population is 45%, but the expansion should get us through the next 35 years. He went on to say that there could be a substantial savings of \$300,000.00 to \$400,000.00 in the beginning by designating some beds for residential services and eliminating the need to contract with other counties to house juveniles.

A copy of the presentation is attached.

3. Adjourn

The foregoing minutes of the Commissioners Court Workshop Session held September 18, 2017, have been examined and are approved in open Court this the 10th day of October, 2017, in Bryan, Brazos County, Texas.



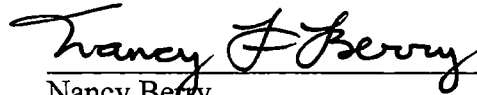
Duane Peters
County Judge



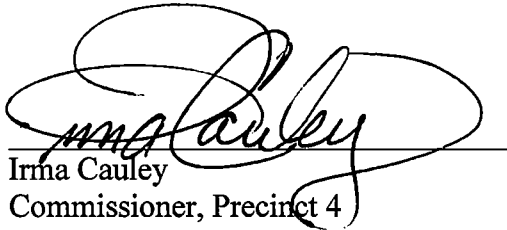
Steve Aldrich
Commissioner, Precinct 1

Absent

Sammy Catalena
Commissioner, Precinct 2



Nancy Berry
Commissioner, Precinct 3

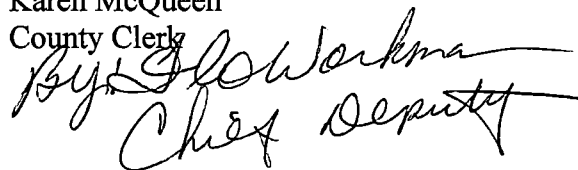


Irma Cauley
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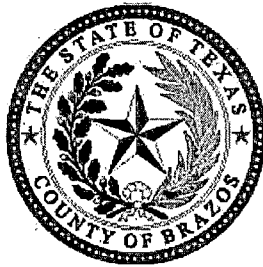
Attest:



Karen McQueen
County Clerk



Chief Deputy



**BRAZOS COUNTY
BRYAN, TEXAS**

NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA

WORKSHOP SESSION

BRAZOS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

BRAZOS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL MEET IN A WORKSHOP SESSION AS FOLLOWS:

MEETING DATE: September 18, 2017
MEETING TIME: 2:30 PM
MEETING PLACE: Brazos County Administration Building, 200 S. Texas Ave., Suite 339, Bryan, Texas.

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1. Call to Order
 2. Presentation and discussions regarding the Juvenile Department Expansion Project.
 3. Adjourn

The Brazos County Administration Building, 200 S. Texas Ave., Suite 339, Bryan, Texas, is wheelchair accessible. Handicap parking spaces are available. Any request for sign interpretive services must be made two working days before the meeting. To make arrangements, please call (979) 361-4102.

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KAREN McQUEEN, COUNTY CLERK
BRAZOS COUNTY, BRYAN, TEXAS
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COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING

September 18, 2017 2:30pm

Date and Time

Name

Organization/Department

Candy Gallego
Don VANCE
Lupe M. Washington
Chris Coffey
Kim. CHARLES WENST
Gary Arnold
Duane Peters
Irma Cauley
Jenae Means
STEVIE ALDRICH
GWEN GIGOUR
ANDY PITS
MATT MURPHY

Comm. Court
JUVENILE
Juvenile Services
Juvenile Services
B/C - PURCHASING
B/C Capital Projects Manager
B/C Commissioner
Budget
BC COMMISSIONER
TREANOR HL
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Brazos County Juvenile Justice Center Expansion
September 2017

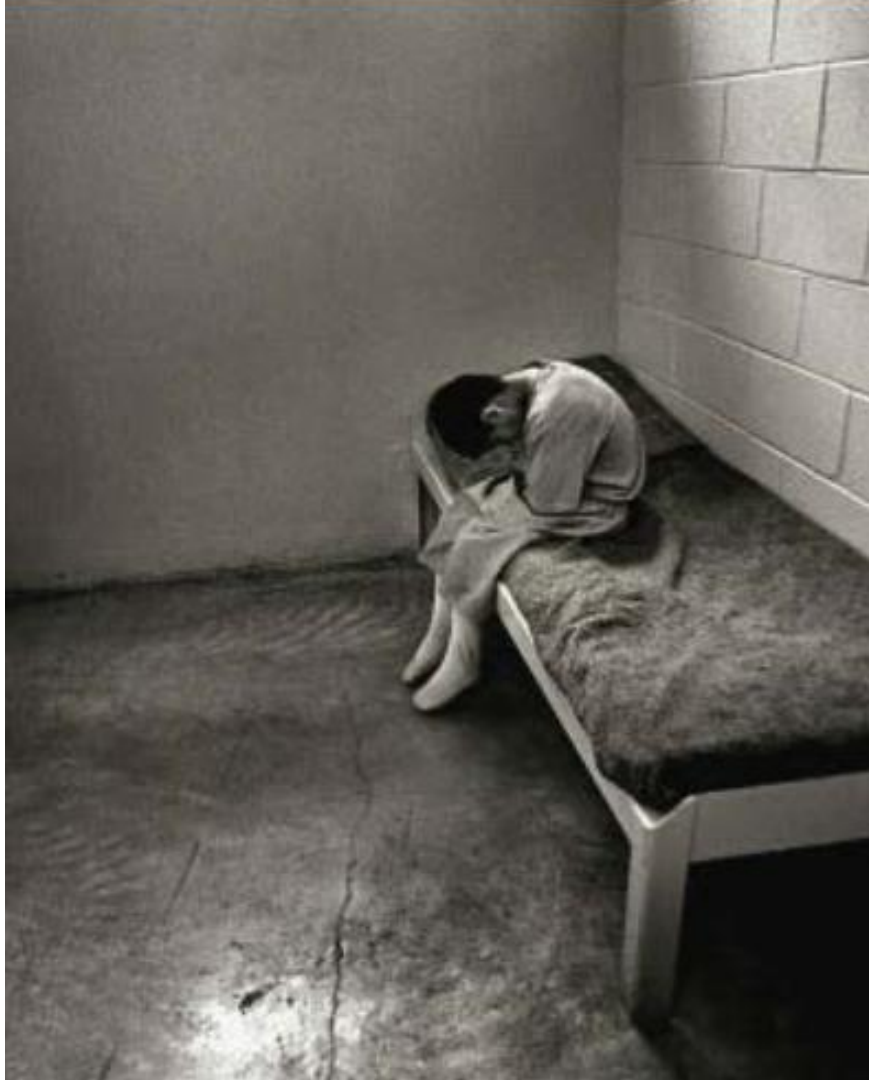


Trauma Informed Juvenile Facility Planning and Design

Trends

- Nearly 93% of detained youth experienced one or more severe traumas
- 58% experienced 6+ traumatic events
- 93% had at least one co-occurring psychiatric disorder
- 11% diagnosed with PTSD

Source: Annie E. Casey Foundation



Traumatized Youth in Isolation

- Overwhelming feelings of sadness, hopelessness and depression
- Deep paranoia
- Profound anxiety around people
- Lose their grasp on sanity due to sensory deprivation
- Deteriorate cognitively and emotionally leading to self mutilation

Source: Annie E. Casey Foundation





Minimizing Trauma

- Remove barriers between youth & staff
- Views to the outdoors
- Abundant natural light
- Reduce noise
- Courtyards, gardens
- Calming rooms
- Child-friendly furniture
- PREA compliant

Restorative Justice



Repair harm



Pro-social values,
attitudes &
behaviors



Normative
environment



Impact of Design

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- Safety Culture
 - Physical safety
 - Psychological safety
 - Social safety
 - Moral safety
 - Environmental Predictability

A safe and secure environment that is more normative than institutional

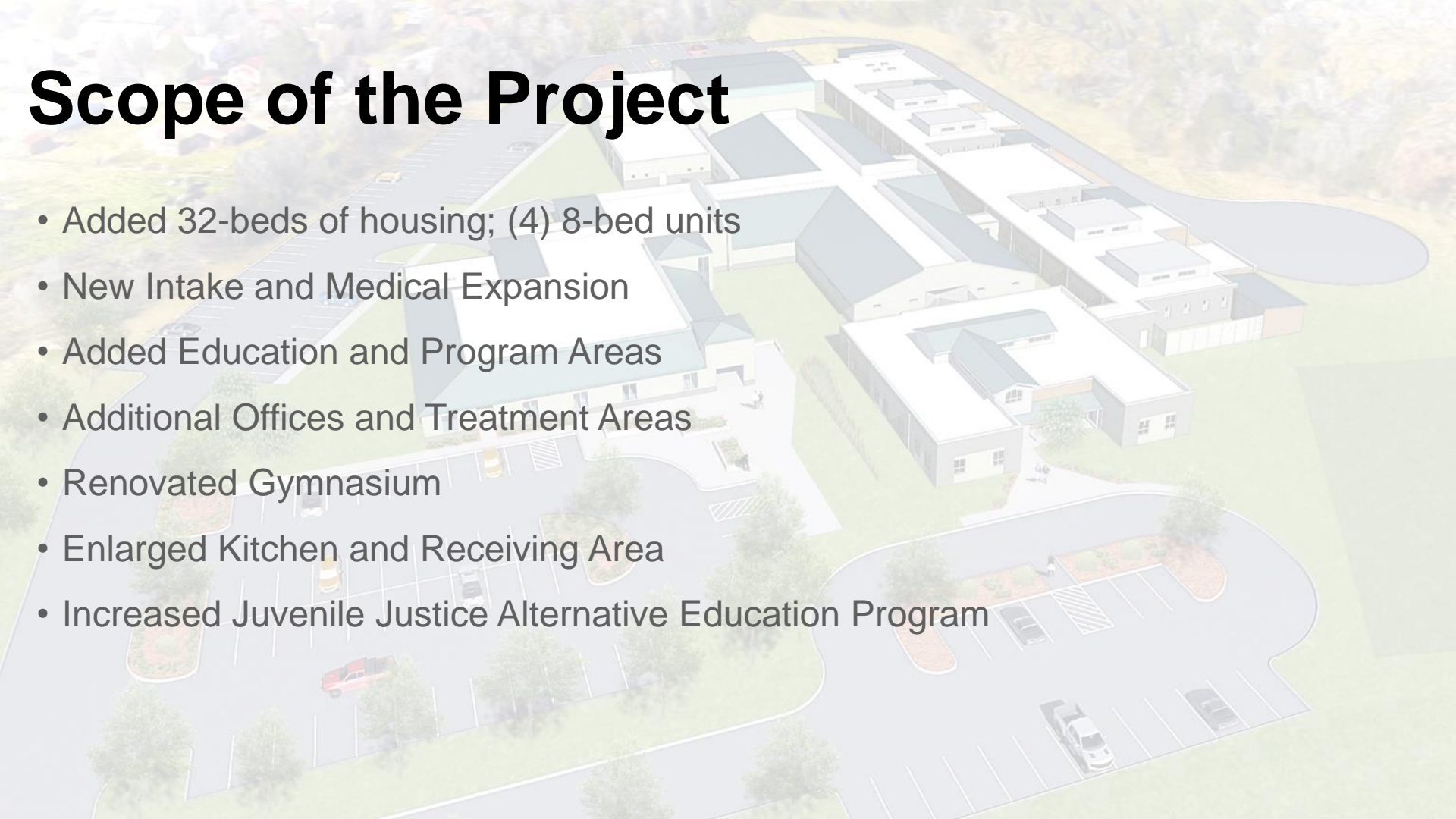
- Control Views
- Culture / Attitudes
- Gender Recognition
- Staff / Youth Ratio

Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA)



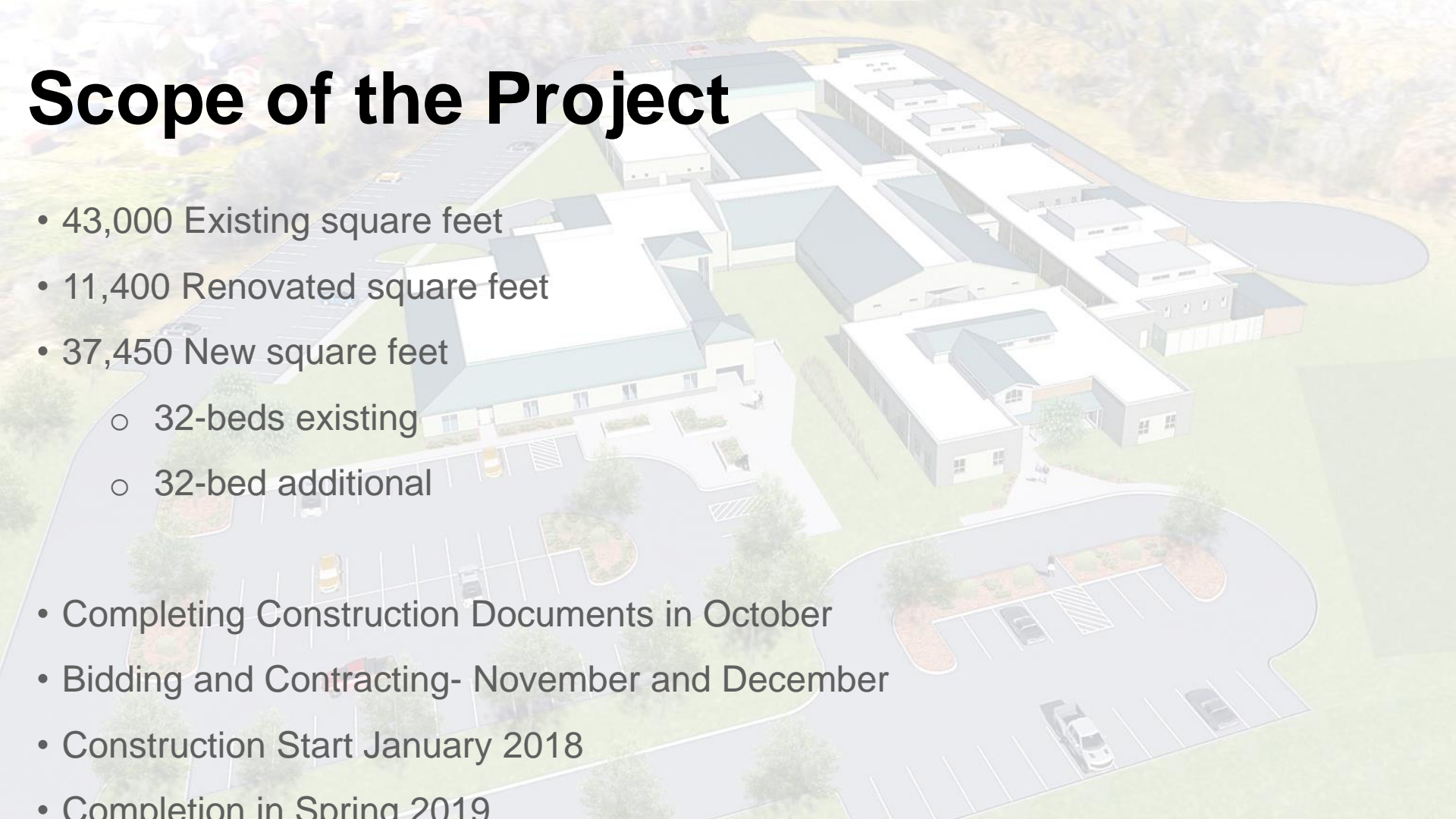
Scope of the Project

- Added 32-beds of housing; (4) 8-bed units
- New Intake and Medical Expansion
- Added Education and Program Areas
- Additional Offices and Treatment Areas
- Renovated Gymnasium
- Enlarged Kitchen and Receiving Area
- Increased Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program



Scope of the Project

- 43,000 Existing square feet
- 11,400 Renovated square feet
- 37,450 New square feet
 - 32-beds existing
 - 32-bed additional
- Completing Construction Documents in October
- Bidding and Contracting- November and December
- Construction Start January 2018
- Completion in Spring 2019







Gymnasium

Intake

Housing

Education

Offices

Kitchen /
Receiving

Housing

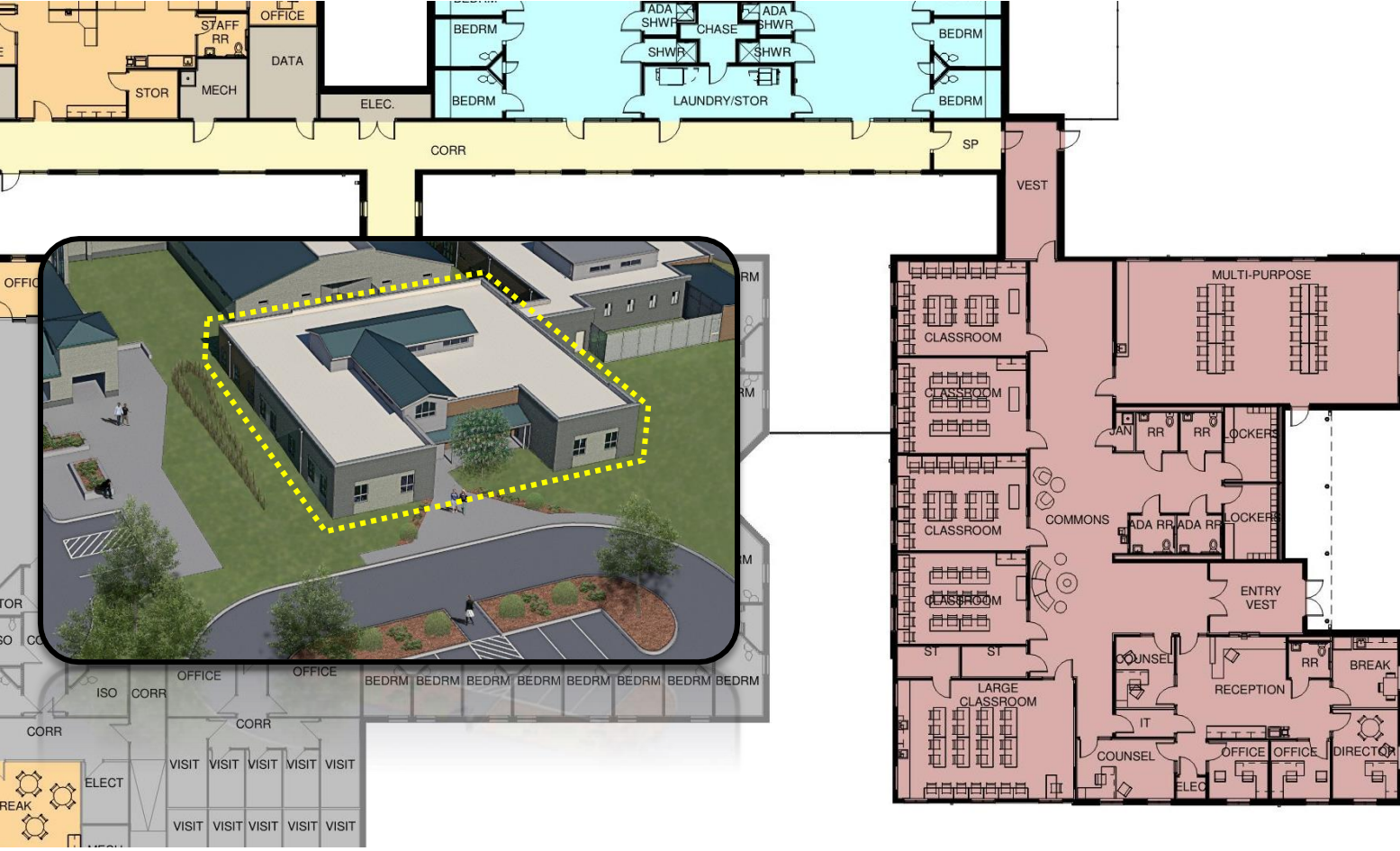
Offices

JJAEP

Entry Plaza

New Parking
and Drop Off





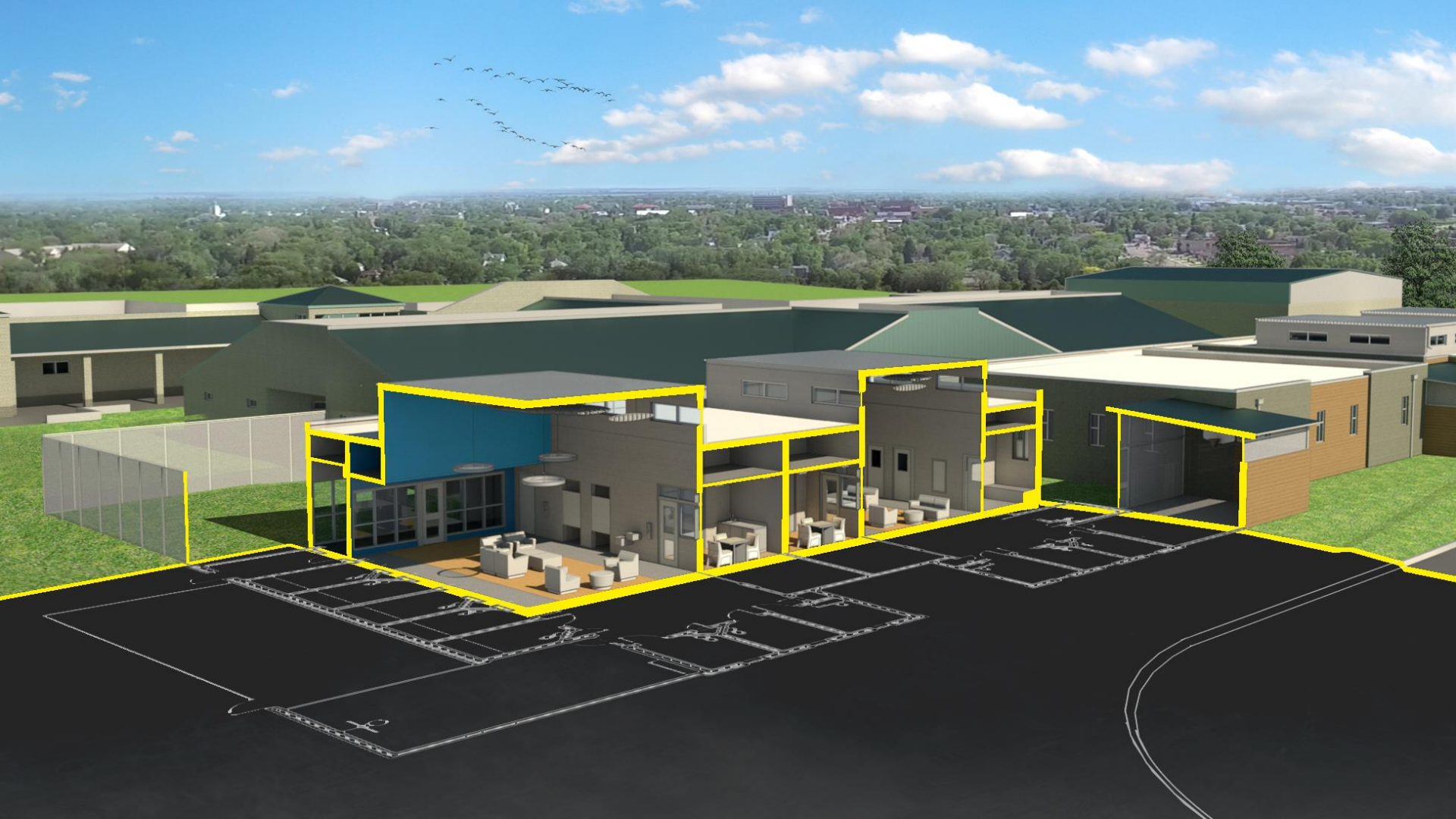
Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program



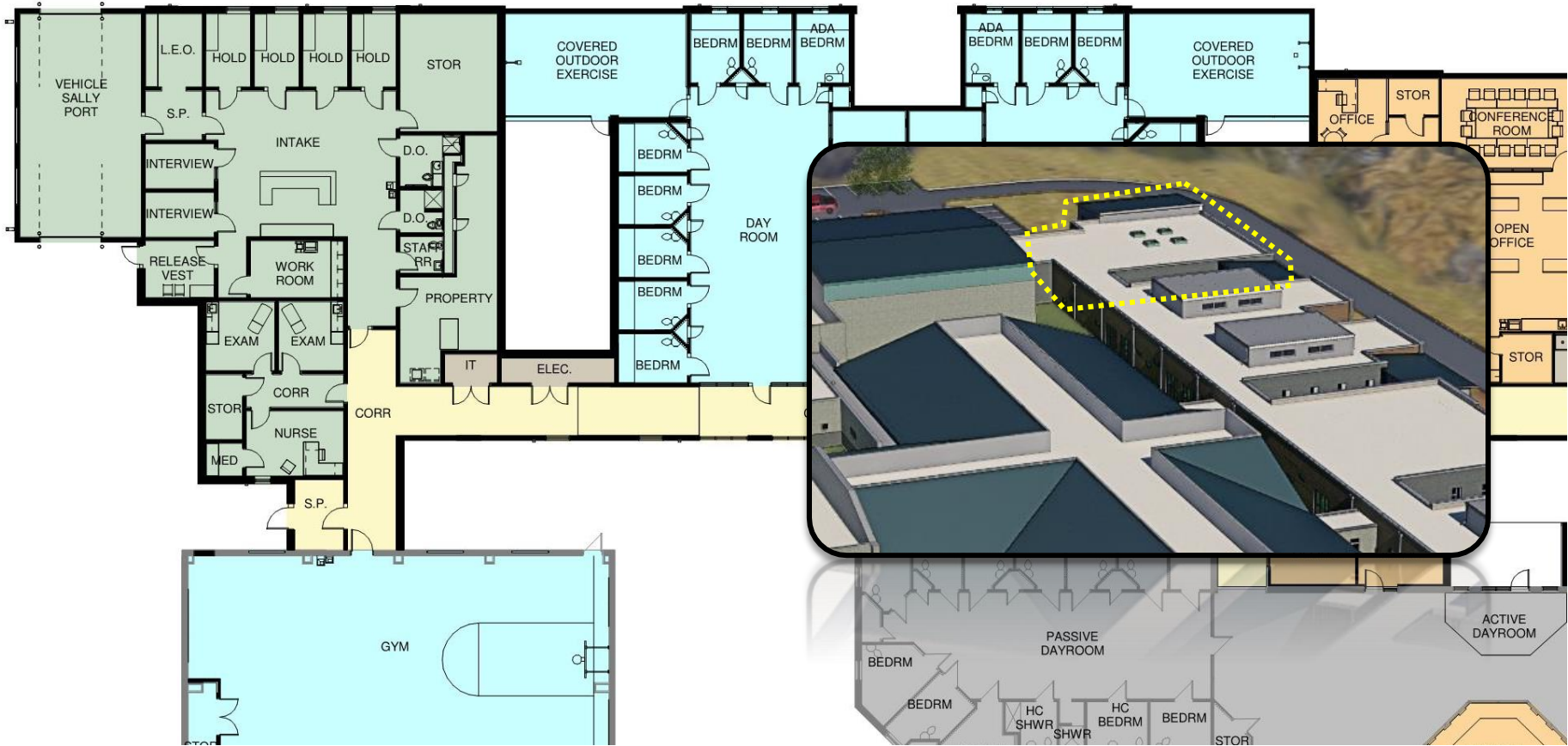
Dayroom and Housing





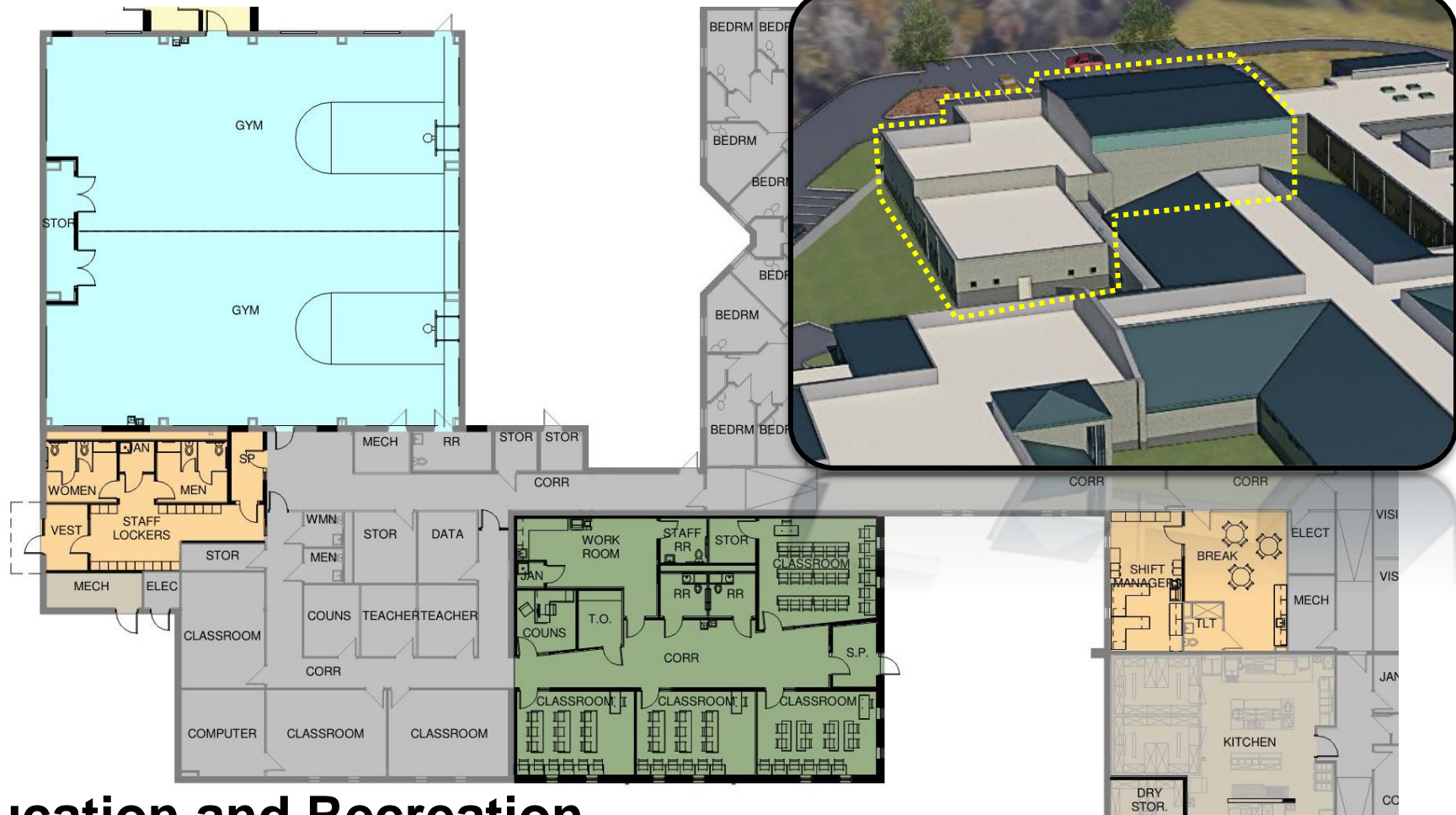






Intake and Medical





Education and Recreation



Fire
Access

New Staff
Parking

JJAEP
Play Field

BRAZOS COUNTY JUVENILE
DETENTION CENTER
BUILDING EXPANSION
89,342 S.F.
PARKING PROVIDED-
170

BRAZOS COUNTY
JUVENILE JUSTICE
ALTERNATIVE
EDUCATION
PROGRAM

New Parking
and Drop Off

New Entry
Plaza

Staff
Parking

Public
Parking



Brazos County Juvenile Justice Center