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SALINE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PRESS RELEASE

Citizen Information – December 18, 2017

Construction at the Saline County Courthouse is winding down after several years of construction and changes in both structure and function of the county offices which are located at the courthouse. The Saline County Board of Commissioners would like to inform the citizens on what to expect upon their visit to the courthouse. Here are some answers to the most commonly asked questions:

What are the hours of the courthouse? The courthouse hours will remain the same as in the past, the doors will open to the public at 8:00 am and remain open until 5:00 pm.

Where do I go to get in the courthouse? Public access will be through the new primary entrance which is located on the West side, North set of doors.

Where do I park my car? Free public parking is located around the courthouse as well as the parking lot located across the street to the North.

Is there an elevator? Yes, the elevator is located just inside the new primary entrance. Citizens can also travel by the main staircase located in the original building of the courthouse and a secondary stairwell located within the north side of the new entrance.

What Offices will be located in the Courthouse?

- Basement - Emergency Management-Office
- First Floor - County Court, Veterans Service Office, State Probation, Driver's License testing, Assembly Meeting Room, Courthouse Security Office and Screening
- Second Floor - County Roads, Planning and Zoning, Weeds Superintendent, County Clerk, County Treasurer, County Assessor, Admin/HR/IT, and the County Commissioner Meeting Room.
- Third Floor - District Court, District Clerk Office
- Fourth Floor - County Attorney Office

What security changes will there be? One of the most notable changes will be in the area of security for protection of our patrons and employees. This includes the screening of all persons that wish to enter the building. The security proceedings will consist of individuals walking through a metal detector and running handbags and packages brought in through an x-ray machine. Sworn Deputies with the Saline County Sheriff's Office will handle the screening and security duties at the courthouse.

What items shouldn't I bring to the courthouse? Any items that are considered illegal or could be reasonably used as a weapon. We have included a list of some of those prohibited items that will not be allowed into the Courthouse. Some are obvious and others may not be.

- Firearms
- Glass bottles
- Knives
- Flammable items
- Scissors
- Explosive materials
- Box cutters
- BB guns
- Pocket tool
- Baseball bats
- Mace/Pepper spray
- Brass Knuckles
- Chains
- Corkscrew
- Drugs
- Martial arts weapons
- Drug paraphernalia
- Razor blades
- Ammunition
- Stun guns
- Handcuff key
- Alcoholic beverages

Can I bring my Pet? Animals are not allowed into the Courthouse unless they are certified as a Service animal.

When will these changes be made? Many of these are in effect already and these security updates will be implemented as soon as construction is complete. Periodically Deputies will conduct screening on certain days in order for the public to get used to the procedures as well as for the Deputies to get the experience on how to handle the flow of the public. Notice will be posted upon entry when screening is occurring.