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ST. CLAIR COUNTY ADMINISTRATION AND COURTS BUILDING UPGRADES TO BE COMPLETED BY FALL 2025

BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS, January 30, 2024 - The Public Building Commission of St. Clair County is beginning the final phase of improvements to the St. Clair County

Administration and Courts Building focused on energy and security improvements. The building, originally constructed in 1975, has not had major structural renovations since its original construction.

Recent renovations have included energy and security improvements by replacing the exterior windows and remodeling portions of the first and fourth floors in order to provide enhanced security for court proceedings.

This final phase includes a major expansion to the entry lobby, providing street-level entry on the southwest side of the building. The deteriorating steps on the southwest side of the building will be eliminated and replaced with a new ADA entrance. The new lower entry will significantly reduce maintenance expenses which had been dedicated to maintaining the deteriorating stair structure. Upgraded security improvements in the expanded lobby will provide greater overall building security and public safety. Part of the energy improvements include replacing the 50-year old, uninsulated exterior glass with new insulated safety glazing.

"These improvements have been needed for a long time, and we look forward to embarking on this project," said St. Clair County Board Chairman Mark Kern. The County asks the public to be patient during the construction process and allow for extra time when visiting the building. At times parking and entry/exit points into the building

will change due to construction activity to insure public safety. Please visit the county's webpage at https://www.co.st-clair.il.us/ before you go for the latest construction information.

IMPACT Strategies, Inc. will manage this project for the PBC which will cost approximately \$14 million, most of which is funded through Federal grants and PBC funds.

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