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NYS Office of Courts Administration
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25 Beaver Street
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Att: Hon. Norman St. George, First Deputy Chief Administrative Judge

Re: Nassau County Court Facilities
Project No. 90632
Court Facilities Capital Improvement Plan Amendment

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the requirements of the Court Facilities Act of 1987, I am pleased to submit an updated amendment to the Nassau County Court Facilities Capital Plan. The new Family and Matrimonial Court Complex at 101 County Seat Drive in Mineola has been a high priority for this administration, and we are so pleased that the new state-of-the-art facility opened to the public on June 2, 2025. The new court facility addresses the long-standing deficiencies with both the former Supreme Court Matrimonial Center at 400 County Seat Drive in Mineola and Family Court at 1200 Old Country Road in Westbury. The new Court complex consolidates these old facilities and creates operational efficiencies for the court, County and for related service providers. We are confident that the new court facility fully addresses the needs of the Family Court and the Supreme Court's matrimonial operations.

We ask that this updated plan amendment with final specifications receive approval by the Court Facilities Capital Review Board.

Project Overview of Family/Matrimonial and IDV Center

The new court facility at 101 County Seat Drive in Mineola consolidates the operations of the Family Court, the Supreme Court's Matrimonial Center, and the Integrated Domestic Violence (IDV) Court in one location. By placing these court operations into one location, Nassau County and the courts have improved the delivery of a variety of services for families in a manner that is efficient and cost-effective. The large size of the new building, related multiple exits, and decentralized waiting areas may present a need for some additional security, maintenance and cleaning services, but the new design and available spaces are critically necessary to ensure a safe and appropriate forum for the public, attorneys, judges, and staff. The location and consolidation also enable the sharing of resources such as security, court reporting, and court interpreting between the two courts within the new building and between the other major courts in its vicinity. Other finite court resources such as attorneys for the children, agency staffing, and per diem interpreters can also be better deployed and shared across the locations.

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The building at 101 County Seat Drive is a three-story structure with an additional level below grade, and it measures approximately 271,000 gross square feet. Nassau County owns the building, which previously housed the Department of Social Services but was demolished and rebuilt from only the remaining steel. The Family Court is located on the first and second floors of the new building. The Matrimonial Center is located on the building's third floor, along with the IDV Court. Secure holding facilities for adult and juvenile detainees, as well as offices for the Sheriff, Probation, and Legal Aid Society are located on the building's lower level. The building also accommodates a childcare center which serves the families appearing before the court and is funded through court grants. A suite for nineteen (19) County attorneys and ample office space for the County's Child Support Collection Unit is also included.

The Family Court has a total of twenty-three (23) courtrooms and hearing rooms for its judicial and quasi-judicial staff, as well as eleven (11) judicial chambers. The Matrimonial Center consists of 10 judicial chambers and 14 courtrooms for the judges and non-judicial staff.

There are three (3) separate paths of circulation: public, private, and secure. The facility has a sally port for the production of detainees from the jail and detention center and includes ample holding and non-contact interview spaces. Each courtroom floor has eleven (11) or more attorney-client interview rooms. The public circulation areas are located in each quadrant of the building and provide access to clerical suites, the record room, the childcare center, probation, Legal Aid, County Attorney offices, and all courtrooms. Each public hallway ends at a spacious waiting area which are equipped with filtered water coolers, wi-fi, and television monitors, as well as a dedicated security station. The waiting rooms are at the corners of the building and provide the public with separation and views of the green space at the Mineola campus.

The facility is adjacent to and is served by parking lot number 14, which provides approximately 1,480 parking spaces. Additionally, there are parking spaces immediately adjacent to the building that are used for secure judicial parking. The new facility is located directly across from the Supreme Court building.

The project complies with the Unified Court System Guidelines for New York State Court facilities (Part 34 of the Rules of the Chief Judge), the Americans with Disabilities Act, the State Energy Conservation Code, and all applicable life/safety/building codes. The design of the building also complies with the Unified Court System's security requirements and the Office of Court Administration's technology requirements.

The existing Family Court in Westbury and the existing Matrimonial Center at 400 County Seat Drive have been decommissioned as court facilities. The establishment of a new IDV courtroom and related support spaces in the new facility also addresses a shortage of space in the County Court facility at 262 Old Country Road, as the courtroom previously needed for IDV purposes several times per week can now be utilized for felony trials on a full-time basis.

Design and Construction Schedule

The original project architect was Perkins Eastman Architects, PC. The Spectorgroup took over the project in 2017. Planning and site review for the project began in 2004. Construction began in 2014 and concluded in 2025. From the inception, the County retained Jacobs as the Program Manager and accomplished most of the construction through general contractor E&A Restoration, Inc. at the direction of Construction Manager LiRo-Hill, with additional general oversight from the Nassau County Department of Public Works. The updated schematic designs are attached here as Appendix A.

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Cost and Financing

The total cost of the project is \$255.5 million. The cost totals are attached as Appendix B. The project is funded through Nassau County’s issuance of General Obligation bonds. The County received authorization to spend \$255.5 million on this project. The related ordinances are attached as Appendix C. The County has received interest aid from the state pursuant to Chapter 825 of the Law of 1987. The Unified Court System provides 25% reimbursement of the interest paid on the issued bonds.

Year	Interest aid from UCS	Notes
2020	\$2,432,861	Catch up payments 2015-2020
2021	\$620,471	
2022	\$310,337	
2023	\$469,770	
2024	\$1,253,935	
2025	\$1,229,861	
Fiscal years 2015 - 2025	\$6,317,235	Total amount of state interest aid

Thank you for your attention, and we look forward to the board’s review and approval of this updated capital plan amendment.

Should you have any questions or require additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Douglas Tuman, Deputy Commissioner, at 516-571-9611.

Very truly yours,



Michael Kwaschyn, P.E.
 Commissioner of Public Works

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- c: Hon. Vito DeStefano, District Administrative Judge, 10th Judicial District
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- Douglas Tuman, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works
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APPENDIX B

Nassau County Family and Matrimonial Court

Description	Cost (Millions)
Construction	\$205.50
Architecture/Engineering	\$11.50
Construction Management	\$15.70
FFE, Technology, Management & Other	\$22.80
TOTAL	\$255.50

APPENDIX C

Nassau County Family and Matrimonial Court

List of Bond Ordinances

ORDINANCES

Ordinance Number	Total Approved Bond
106-2002	\$2,000,000
012-2004	\$3,000,000
012-2009	\$3,500,000
18E-2010	\$8,500,000
081-2011	\$3,000,000
166-2013	\$72,000,000
117A-2019	\$63,000,000
16-2019	\$74,000,000
44-2023	\$17,000,000
37-2024	\$9,500,000
	\$255,500,000