

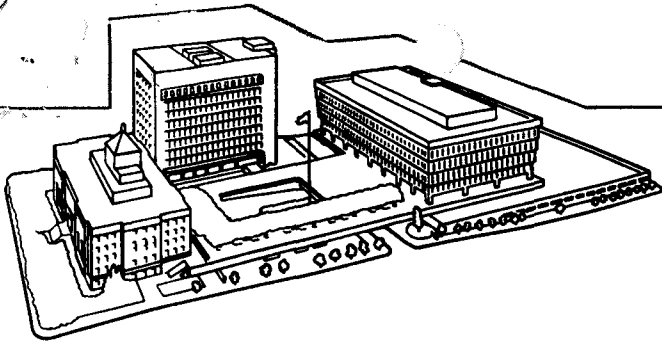
Johnson v. O'Brien



JC-MO-010-006

Attachment 7

Improvement of Welfare Facilities - Annex



ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI  
GENE McNARY, SUPERVISOR

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
ROBERT J. HAGEL, P.E., DIRECTOR

April 23, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO: Leo Plante, Superintendent of County Jail

SUBJECT: Improvement of Welfare Facilities - Annex

In the last five years the Department of Public Works has been involved with your Department in more than \$1,200,000 of capital investment for the improved handling, lodging and safety of confined persons. This expenditure of Federal and County funds has made it possible to create a unique Intake Service Center which is gaining national reknown and, considering the physical restraints of the building, improved confinement facilities to a high standard.

Beginning in 1971, this Department worked with the firm of Winkler, Thompson & Associates, Architects, and the National Clearing House to produce a design for a renovated Jail. This, when completed in 1973, included a completely renewed kitchen, a new twelve-cell holdover area, two medium security resident modules, a new seven-cell close security section and infirmary, visiting, interview, control and administrative facilities. Complete air conditioning, modern fire safety equipment, CCTV and other communication means were installed. This project cost \$935,000.

In 1974 the showers, toilets and lavatories in the older cell blocks were completely replaced and the women's confinement area was completely rebuilt by a County investment of more than \$60,000.

In 1975 this Department constructed the Intake Service Center which it had designed during the preceding year. We are pleased that your Department has been able to operate the ISC at the high level aimed at by our designers. The total cost of the facility with its interfaces with the Jail and the facilities of the Department of Police required a \$115,000 investment of County funds. During 1975, this Department also began the conversion of space on the floor beneath the Jail into two dormitories with appropriate auxiliary facilities for the housing of approximately 50 Work Release inmates. These facilities represent a County investment of approximately \$40,000.

We have begun the reconstruction of former courtroom and office space on the 2nd floor of the building for an athletic facility. This will contain a pair of handball/racketball courts, an exercise room and

Memorandum To: Leo Plante  
Page 2  
April 23, 1976

an office, all air conditioned, acoustically isolated from the rest of the building, and directly connected to the confinement areas via your elevator. We also have procured safety cigarette lighters and electrical supplies for the installation of these non-flame apparatus in the confinement areas this summer. The County will invest approximately \$25,000 and eight man-months' labor in these two projects.

As Mr. Brooks stated to the Director of Welfare on April 21, the attitude of persons confined toward the confining facilities will scarcely ever be flattering. This Department, however, is quite proud of its participation in these improvements which we believe were each well suited to the needs of your Department within the space available and are of real service to the citizens of St. Louis County.



Robert C. Lincoln  
Deputy Director of Operations

RCL/jh

cc: Robert J. Hagel  
William J. Hennessey