

Alpena County
Capital Planning & Space Needs
Preliminary Findings

07/25/2023 Alpena County Board of Commissioners Update



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### Engagement Overview

Plante Moran Cresa (PMC) was engaged by Alpena County January of 2023 to conduct a 6-month *Capital Planning* study and *Space Needs Analysis* for the following facilities:

- Courthouse
- Courthouse Annex
- Probation & Dispatch
- Fairgrounds



### **Engagement Overview**

#### Purpose of Capital Planning Study

- Based on visual observation, evaluate the condition of each facilities' building systems, including site conditions, building envelope (roof, exterior walls, windows and doors), interior finishes; mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems.
- Determine the investment required to maintain these facilities over a ten-year period.
- Prioritization of needs determined by virtue of current conditions, remaining useful life, and/or the County's priorities:
  - Priority 1 (1 3 years)
  - Priority 2 (4 6 years)
  - Priority 3 (7 10 years)
- Provide Alpena County with a capital planning template.



### Engagement Overview

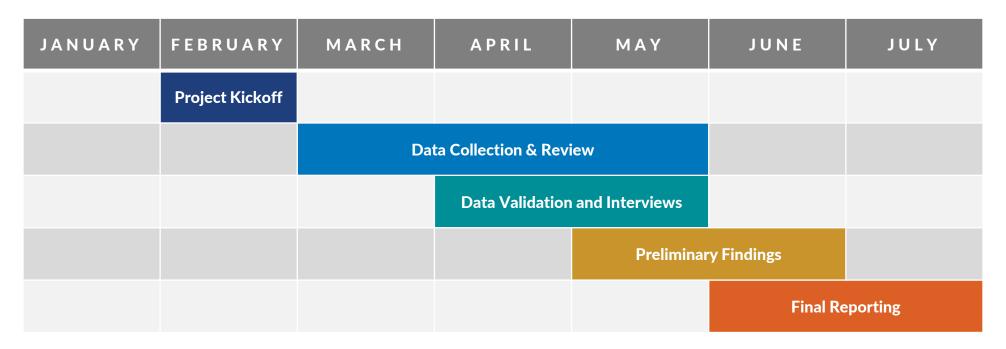
#### Purpose of Space Needs Analysis

- Quantify current space and future needs
- Evaluate Alpena County's real estate to determine:
  - Current level of utilization and efficiency
  - Current level of workspace functionality (office/workstation size, natural day light, support spaces, etc.)
- Evaluate departmental adjacencies
- Provide Alpena County with key insights to inform decision-making on optimizing real estate strategy



### Project Engagement Overview

#### **Timeline**



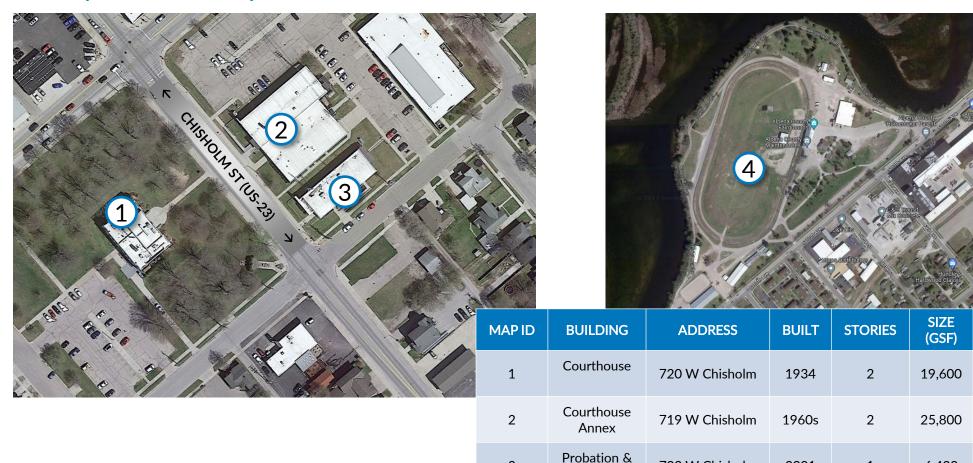
PMC's engagement includes the following scope of work for the Courthouse, Courthouse Annex, Probation & Dispatch, and Fairgrounds:

- 1. Capital Planning
- 2. Space Needs Assessment



## Project Overview

#### **Facility Location Map**



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Dispatch

Fairgrounds

703 W Chisholm

625 S 11<sup>th</sup>

Avenue

2001

1940 -

2021

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6,400

80,549



### Activities Completed

#### **Capital Planning**

- Reviewed historical information provided (existing floor plans, surveys, etc.)
- Developed, distributed, and collected 24 pre-site visit questionnaires
- Toured over 130,000 sf of real estate across 4 sites with Alpena County staff
- Met with Alpena County staff to validate data collected from site visits
- Compiled data to illustrate our preliminary findings
- Reviewed preliminary findings with Alpena County team
- Developed and issued 131-page draft 2023 Capital Planning Report on 6/21/23



### Activities Completed

#### **Space Needs Analysis**

- Reviewed owner furnished floor plans and historical data
- Toured over 130,000 sf of real estate across 4 sites with Alpena County staff
- Distributed, collected, and reviewed 54 space needs surveys from 20 County departments
- Conducted follow up interviews with 13 department representatives to review and validate survey responses
- Documented existing utilization and space deficiencies
- Compiled data to illustrate our preliminary findings
- Reviewed preliminary findings with Alpena County team
- Developed and issued 58-page draft 2023 Alpena County Space Needs Analysis Report on 7/14/23



## Key Observations

- Aging facilities requiring capital investment address current conditions, maintain useful life, and align with County priorities
- Decentralized departments and court activities
- Limited amenities and features such as breakrooms, restrooms, and access to daylight
- Accessibility limitations for guests and staff
- Wayfinding and access control concerns across facilities with limited restricted areas
- Challenging building layouts to support current workplace and court standards
- Limitations to accommodate department growth
  - Currently capacity at 51,000 GSF of which 54% is usable (USF), excludes Fairgrounds
- Safety concerns with pedestrian activity across US-23

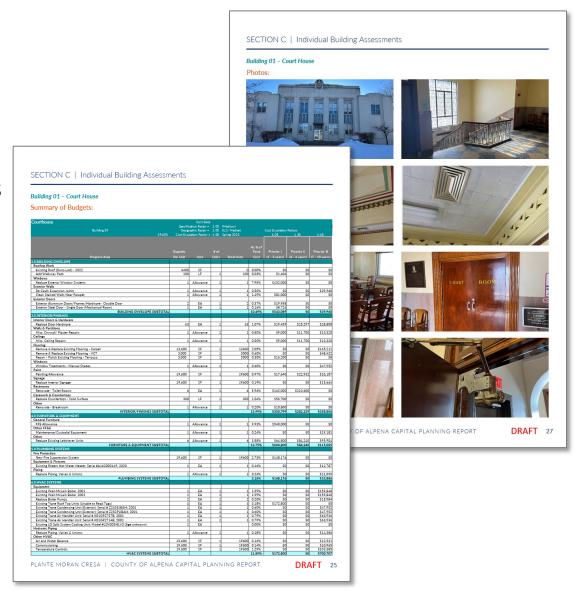




### Capital Planning Summary

#### **Report Contents Include:**

- Summary of Costs by Priority
- Summary of Costs by Category
- **Opinion of Probable Cost**
- **Individual Building Assessments**







### Capital Planning Summary

#### **Summary of Costs by Prioritization**

Bldg #	Property/ Building Name	Priority I (1 - 3 Yrs.)	Priority II (4 - 6 Yrs.)	Priority III (7 - 10 Yrs.)	Complete Cost with Escalation
	COUNTY BUILDINGS:				
1	Courthouse	\$2,562,936	\$765,205	\$3,381,062	\$6,709,204
2	Courthouse Annex	\$4,820,944	\$250,447	\$2,296,811	\$7,368,202
3	Probation & Dispatch	\$1,589,957	\$726,657	\$848,406	\$3,165,021
	FAIRGROUNDS COMPLEX:				
4	Fair Office	\$201,238	\$187,124	\$121,799	\$510,161
5	Caretaker Home	\$45,006	\$48,757	\$76,379	\$170,141
6	Truck Storage	\$88,512	\$0	\$110,016	\$198,528
7	Fairground Storage	\$0	<b>\$</b> 0	\$2,220	\$2,220
8	MSU Extension Office	\$280,509	\$110,678	\$98,670	\$489,857
9	Animal Control	\$86,241	\$72,070	\$15,452	\$173,763
10	Animal Control Storage	\$0	<b>\$</b> 0	<b>\$</b> 0	<b>\$</b> 0
11	Restrooms (Middle)	\$281,595	<b>\$</b> 0	<b>\$</b> 0	\$281,595
12	Grandstand	\$740,314	<b>\$</b> 0	<b>\$</b> 0	\$740,314
13	Stage / Pavilion	\$65,013	<b>\$</b> 0	<b>\$</b> 0	\$65,013
14	Merchants Building	\$1,264,655	\$559,731	<b>\$</b> 0	\$1,824,386
15	Rabbit / Poultry	\$112,318	<b>\$</b> 0	\$111,015	\$223,333
16	Sheep Barn	\$215,254	<b>\$</b> 0	\$111,015	\$326,270
17	Restrooms (South)	\$225,276	<b>\$</b> 0	<b>\$</b> 0	\$225,276
18	Cattle Barn	\$594,676	<b>\$</b> 0	\$111,015	\$705,691
19	Horse Barn	\$92,893	\$388,962	\$111,015	\$592,870
20	Swine Barn	\$80,275	<b>\$</b> 0	\$493,684	\$573,958
21	Draft Horse Barn	\$49,233	<b>\$</b> 0	\$111,015	\$160,248
22	New Poultry Barn	\$0	<b>\$</b> 0	\$172,914	\$172,914
23	Ticket Booth	\$10,029	\$0	\$1,554	\$11,583
24	Overall Fairgrounds (Site)	\$4,833,518	\$646,517	\$5,359,599	\$10,839,634
	TOTAL BUILDINGS BUDGET	\$18,240,391	\$3,756,148	\$13,533,644	\$35,530,182

#### Notes:

- Cost information reflect future cost escalation assumptions (see 2023 Capital Planning Report).
- Costs based on 2023 market conditions.

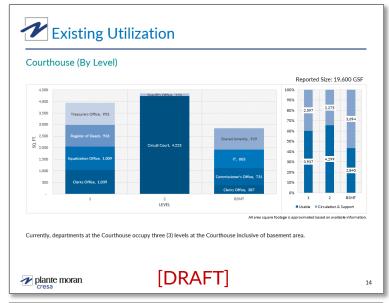


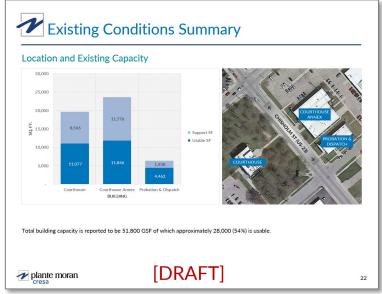


### Space Needs Analysis Summary

#### **Report Contents Include:**

- **Existing Conditions & Utilization** 
  - Breakdown of headcount, departments, and building/location
- Space Needs Findings
  - Current vs. 5-year projected needs
- **Budget & Schedule Benchmarks** 
  - Conceptual space needs
  - Conceptual Budget Planning Benchmark
  - Conceptual Schedule





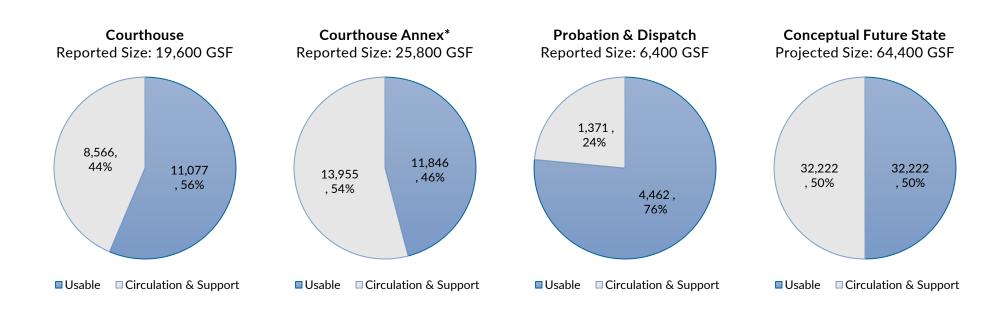




### Space Needs Analysis Summary

#### **Existing Utilization**

- Existing usable square footage (USF) ranges between 46% to 76%.
- In a staff co-location approach that reflects modern office and court standards, conceptual USF would be approximately 50%.







### Space Needs Analysis Summary

#### **Projected Space Needs**

- Future space needs projected to be 64,400 GSF
- 50% (32,200 GSF) projected to be usable (rest intended for circulation and support/service space).

#### A staff co-location strategy is projected to comprise of:

- Approximately 2.5-acre site to accommodate a 64,400 GSF building
- Approximately 90 County staff from 15 departments

#### Cost & Benchmark

- Cost benchmark for this size facility projected to range from approximately \$29.0M to \$35.4M, though many details driving costs are still unknown.
- Schedule benchmark to deliver a development of this scale approximated at 36 months including planning, design, construction, and closeout.



#### **Capital Planning Cost Summary**

10-year Cost Expenditures with Escalation:

- \$17.25M for Courthouse, Courthouse Annex, and Probation & Dispatch
- \$18.29M for Fairgrounds

Building Name	10-Year Cost Summary		
Courthouse	\$6.71M		
Courthouse Annex	\$7.37M		
Probation & Dispatch	\$3.17M		
Fairgrounds Location	\$18.29M		
TOTAL	\$35.54M		

#### **Space Needs Cost Summary**

Cost Benchmark for NEW Build of 64K SF:

- \$29.0M to \$35.4M
- Based on co-location strategy of 90 County staff (from 15 departments)
- Based on a range of \$450 to \$550 per SF

Staff From:	NEW Building		
Courthouse			
Courthouse Annex	<u>\$29.0M</u> - <u>\$35.4M</u>		
Probation & Dispatch			
Fairgrounds Location	TBD		



#### Courthouse

- \$6.71M in anticipated capital improvements (10-yr.)
  - Priority 1 (1 3 years): \$ 2.56M
  - Priority 2 (4 6 years): \$ 0.77M
  - Priority 3 (7 10 years): \$ 3.38M
- Known logistical challenges such as with public restroom access and equipment/material deliveries.
- Due to accessibility limitations, court activities and hearings currently need to relocate between the Courthouse and Courthouse Annex buildings. Accessibility needs for courts are observed to be "fairly regular."
- Currently staff and public visitors need to cross US-23 which is considered to result in safety risks, wayfinding problems, and logistical challenges.
- Limited opportunities to modify current layout given age and listing on the National Register of Historic Places as well as inflexible architectural and structural conditions.
- Not sized to accommodate growth/expansion or modern office and court standards.







#### **Courthouse Annex**

- \$7.37M in anticipated capital improvements (10-yr.)
  - Priority 1 (1 3 years): \$ 4.82M
  - Priority 2 (4 6 years): \$ 0.25M
  - Priority 3 (7 10 years): \$ 2.30M
- There are reported concerns with wayfinding resulting from split-levels, multiple perceived entry locations, and parking proximity to public entrance(s).
- Various departments reported concerns with aging finishes, restroom accessibility, and inadequate access to daylight.
- Due to accessibility limitations, court activities and hearings currently need to relocate between the Courthouse and Courthouse Annex buildings. Accessibility needs for courts are observed to be "fairly regular."
- Currently staff and public visitors need to cross US-23 which is considered to result in safety risks, wayfinding problems, and logistical challenges.
- Basement level was observed as largely unoccupiable for staff with reported drainage and moisture problems.
- Not sized to accommodate growth/expansion if basement remains unoccupiable.



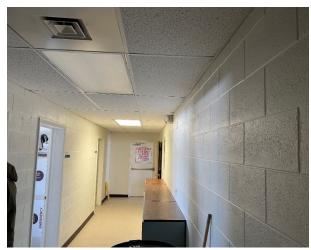




#### **Probation & Dispatch**

- \$3.17M in anticipated capital improvements (10-yr.)
  - Priority 1 (1 3 years): \$ 1.59M
  - Priority 2 (4 6 years): \$ 0.73M
  - Priority 3 (7 10 years): \$ 0.85M
- Due to location of building, there are known concerns with location of emergency dispatch operations in a flood plain zone. (Flood hazard area information was not verified by PMC).
- There are reported concerns with emergency response teams being colocated with MDOC services due to shared hallway.
- Currently not optimized for growth/expansion given dispatch room is at capacity.







#### Fairgrounds

- \$18.29M in anticipated capital improvements (10-yr.)
  - Priority 1 (1 3 years): \$ 9.27M
  - Priority 2 (4 6 years): \$ 2.01M
  - Priority 3 (7 10 years): \$ 7.01M
- Amongst the more significant improvements identified were at the Merchant's Building, animal barns, grandstand, and general site grounds which account for approximately 90% of anticipated capital improvements.
- Accessibility limitations were observed across the site.
- Given age and uniqueness of some of the Fairgrounds structures, actual systems and structural integrity of the facilities is to be determined and verified.









- Capital investment into aging facilities will not fully mitigate all deficiencies (e.g., maintenance needs)
- Reduced or removed need for crossing US-23 can improve safety and public experience
- Optimizing department adjacencies to centralize courts and departments can improve community experience
- Assessing current debt and funding capacity will inform decision-making and next steps
- Actionable solutions, concepts, and implementation strategies can be tailored to meet County goals and limitations







### Recommended Next Steps

- Feedback from Alpena County Board of Commissioners
- Market analysis/highest and best use assessment of current Fairgrounds location
- Optimize real estate strategy to support County goals for Courthouse & Courthouse Annex
  - Develop space and site program requirements for court and County operations
  - Evaluate concepts to renovate/expand facilities to meet needs
  - Develop new construction options
  - Define funding requirements and opportunities
  - Develop implementation plan including budget and schedule

