



# Crook County

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As the economy in Crook County grows it is important to stay ahead of the growth by making sure that the county provides the right amount of space for departments to serve the needs of the public. The Community Development Department has been particularly impacted by the lack of space. Although the county has utilized every available “nook and cranny”, the time has come to make some difficult decisions to address the problem. Because these changes will occur in the very near future, it is important to share the plans to relocate several departments and provide others with additional office space.

The County will be leasing additional office space in the Chucker Point Building (267 NE 2nd St.), just west of the current legal building on the corner of NE 2nd and Court St. In the next several weeks, the Human Resources and Legal Departments will be moving from their current location, to the new building. Human Resources will be located on the first floor and Legal will be upstairs. Both Departments will continue to provide the great service the county depends on.

After some additional remodeling, the County Court and County Administration staff will be relocating from the 1st floor of the Courthouse to the building vacated by Legal and HR. In addition to adding offices for the county court, the remodel will add a much needed larger conference room that can be used for County Court Work Sessions and other county meetings. With this move across the street the entire first floor of the Courthouse, including the space vacated by County Administration, will be freed up for Community Development. This move should be completed by the end of February.

The Court firmly believes that these moves will enable our Community Development Department to continue providing the excellent service our community deserves. Expanding Community Development offices throughout the first floor of the Courthouse is also consistent with a recently completed Facilities Plan, and is the first step in improving current Department space requirements.

The county will do its best to make certain these moves occur with the least amount of disruption to the public and to County staff. “It is not without sadness that we, the county court, will be vacating our historic courthouse,” said crook county Judge Seth Crawford, “but this decision will ensure that your county will have the best ability to serve you, the citizens of Crook County.”