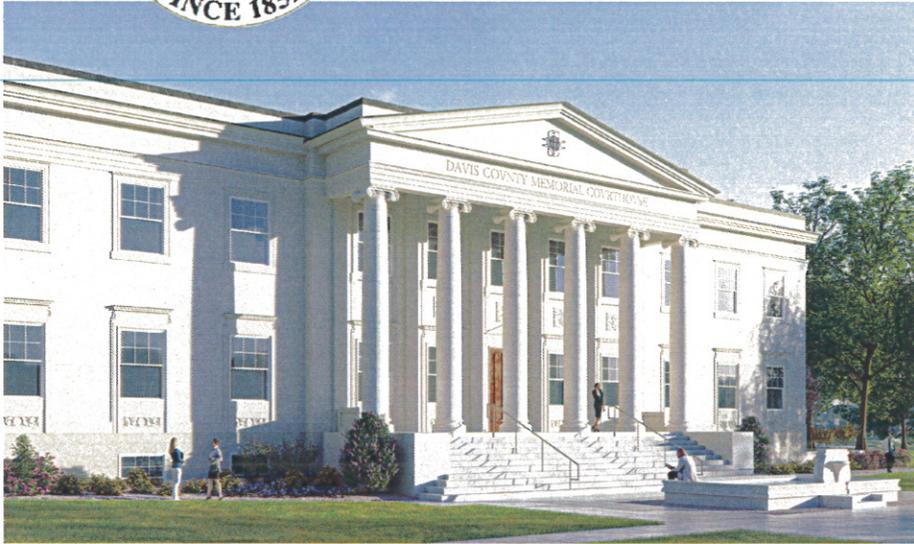




DAVIS COUNTY MEMORIAL COURTHOUSE renovation that respects historic design

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Rendering of Renovated Courthouse Front Entry

the new project is to remove the 1958 and 1979 additions while renovating the original historical 1932 section. This includes bringing the building up to current accessibility and seismic standards, while keeping historical interior finishes and exterior memorial elements intact.

The schedule for the project will begin in the spring/summer of this year, starting with asbestos abatement and demolition services. Renovation efforts will continue into 2021 with planned completion in 2022.

In 1929, Davis County Commissioners announced plans to enlarge the county courthouse. Interestingly, the expansion was built around the 1890s red brick courthouse, so there is a courthouse within a courthouse. An initial renaissance design with a turret entrance was replaced by a more traditional plan featuring a classical Grecian portico supported by six Ionian columns. The project was completed three years later in 1932.

A 1957–58 addition doubled the courthouse and another large addition to the southern side was completed in 1979.

A 1997 renovation removed the ceiling installed in the front entry hall during the 1929–32 construction, revealing the original ornate ceiling, now lighted with antique electrical fixtures.

The courthouse is again undergoing renovation. The current scope of

Davis County is excited to bring this historical building back into use. Various county legal departments will be located in the new courthouse, and there will be an event space for county functions on the second floor. The facility will be aesthetically pleasing as well as functional, with increased surrounding landscape, outdoor gathering spaces, and war memorials for visiting and viewing. The renovated county courthouse promises to serve the community for generations to come.



Rendering of Proposed Courthouse Courtyard



Old Courthouse Fountain