



Be Informed on Public Safety Proposition #5: Maintaining Safety, Protecting Our Facility

The Sheriff's Office building was constructed in 1989, when Laramie County's population was 79,669. It was designed for a smaller community and the technology and safety standards of that era. Today, with more than 101,000 residents, the demands on the facility have surpassed its original capacity and infrastructure. After nearly four decades of service, the building has served it's time.

Today, we face serious and urgent issues:

U Space Limitations

Usable office space has long been exhausted.
Administrative staff now work in converted lobby areas.
Storage rooms have been turned into makeshift offices.
Evidence storage space no longer meets modern standards or best practices.
The vehicle service garage is too small for the current fleet.

U Failing Infrastructure

Mechanical systems (HVAC) have surpassed their useful life.
Heating and air systems are inefficient and constantly require repairs.
Many staff rely on small electric heaters to keep workspaces usable.
Electrical systems are fragile and struggle to support modern technology.
Radio reliability issues hinder daily operations.

U Serious Plumbing Concerns

Cast iron sewer lines are deteriorating.
Heavy sewage leaks have caused extensive damage, dripping through ceilings into workspaces.
Stained ceiling tiles throughout the facility are visible reminders of recurring leaks.
Some pipes run through walls and are inaccessible without significant reconstruction.
Acid used to clean jail sewer lines has leaked into evidence storage areas.

U Evidence Protection Risks

Evidence rooms have experienced water and sewer leaks from above.
Plastic tarps must be kept on hand to protect evidence during leaks.
There is no emergency backup generator for refrigerated evidence.
A prolonged power outage could permanently destroy critical case evidence.
Evidence rooms are improperly vented.

U Structural & Safety Issues

Glass block exterior walls are breaking due to building settling.
Windows throughout the facility are old and inefficient.
Jail door mechanical systems are worn and require constant repair.
Safety and security must remain the highest priority, and are at risk.



THE GOAL:

To extend the life of the existing building by an estimated 25 years and avoid the far greater cost of constructing a new jail and administration facility.



This ballot initiative focuses on:

- Replacing failing mechanical systems
- Repairing and replacing deteriorated sewer lines
- Upgrading electrical infrastructure
- Improving radio communications for efficient daily operations.
- Modernizing evidence storage to meet current standards
- Replacing inefficient windows and stabilizing exterior walls
- Replacing worn jail doors and critical safety systems
- Improving the public lobby to better serve citizens
- Expanding vehicle service capacity to support operations
- Maintaining and improving this facility ensures the Sheriff's Office remains accessible, efficient, and integrated into the heart of our county government.

To the taxpayer - We understand that every public dollar matters. These improvements are necessary to ensure responsible stewardship of your investment in public safety.

- It protects evidence critical to criminal prosecutions.
- It safeguards staff and inmates.
- It improves reliability of core infrastructure.
- It prevents emergency failures that are far more expensive to repair.
- It ensures that when citizens walk through our doors seeking help, they enter a facility that reflects professionalism and stability.

Laramie County is Growing

Laramie County is growing steadily. With that growth comes increased calls for service, expanded investigative needs, and greater operational demands. Public safety infrastructure must keep pace.

Why this location matters:

The Sheriff's Office is centrally located downtown, adjacent to the courthouse. This proximity improves operational efficiency between the jail and the courts, enhances security, and provides convenient access for residents.

By supporting these improvements, taxpayers are making a strategic investment in:

- Community safety
- Fiscal responsibility
- Long-term planning
- Efficient government operations

The Laramie County Sheriff's Office has proudly served this community for decades. With your support, we can ensure it continues to do so, safely, efficiently, and responsibly, for decades to come.

On August 18, this proposition will appear on the 6th Penny Ballot.

This initiative is not about expansion, it is about preservation and safety.

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