



Lake County CO

Great Living at 10,200 feet

Jail Consolidation: Lake County's Experience

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Lake County has one municipality, Leadville.

7,500 full-time residents

Bedroom community for surrounding resort communities

Six counties in Colorado have less than 2,000 people: Cheyenne, Kiowa, Jackson, Mineral, San Juan, and Hinsdale.

Twenty-one other counties have less than 10,000 people and are required to operate a jail, including Lake County.

CRS 17-26-101 Jail in Each County

"There shall be maintained in each county in this state, at the expense of the county, a county jail for the detention, safekeeping, and confinement of persons and prisoners lawfully committed. Nothing in this article shall be construed to compel the erection of jails in counties having a population of less than two thousand or when the county owns a jail erected in any other place in the county."

Small communities like Lake County cannot support the construction, maintenance, operation and staffing of a jail without impacting their ability to fund other state-mandated programs.

Unlike other state-mandated functions, the State does not provide funding for jail operations to counties.

Counties should be incentivized and supported in consolidating jail functions. Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs) can be challenging when local officials (Commissioners and Sheriffs) are elected.

Building a New Justice Center in Lake County



Estimated cost at \$65.4M

20 bed facility

Building Hold Cells

Estimated cost to renovate jail only at Lake County Courthouse building:
\$12,813,640

Total: \$12,813,640

COP Debt Service Yearly Payment

\$10 million at 4.5% for

- 25 years = annual payment of \$675,000
- 30 years = annual payment of \$614,000

RENOVATE EXISTING LAW ENF / DETENTION	Estimated Construction Cost	Escalation %	Escalated Construction Cost	Estimated Soft Cost	Estimated Total Project Cost (LOW)	Estimated Total Project Cost (HIGH)	Estimated Total Project
McGregor Reno for Office (13k SF)	\$-	12%	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Renovate Existing Courts (11.5k SF)	\$-	22%	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-
Renovate Existing Law Enf / Detention (7.2k SF)	\$7,415,301	22%	\$9,046,667	\$1,631,366	\$10,678,033	\$12,813,640	\$11,700,000
TOTAL OPTION LCIS	\$7,415,301		\$9,046,667	\$1,631,366	\$10,678,033	\$12,813,640	\$11,700,000

Holding Cells with Court

Renovations

Renovate Courts: \$7.3M

Renovate LE/detentions: \$11,051,331

Add addition to existing footprint for office space: \$7.4M

Total: \$25.8M

ADDITION AT EXISTING COUNTY FOR OFFICE RENOVATE EXISTING COURTS RENOVATE EXISTING LAW ENFORCEMENT	Estimated Construction Cost	Escalation %	Escalated Construction Cost	Estimated Soft Cost	Estimated Total Project Cost (LOW)	Estimated Total Project Cost (HIGH)	Estimated Total Project
Addition at existing county bldg for office (5.4k SF)	\$4,617,000	12%	\$5,171,040	\$1,015,740	\$6,186,780	\$7,424,136	\$6,800,000
Renovate Existing Courts (11.5k SF)	\$4,588,500	12%	\$5,139,120	\$1,009,470	\$6,148,590	\$7,378,308	\$6,800,000
Renovate Existing law enf / detention (7.2k SF)	\$6,872,718	12%	\$7,697,444	\$1,511,998	\$9,209,442	\$11,051,331	\$10,100,000
TOTAL OPTION LCIS	\$16,078,218		\$18,007,604	\$3,537,208	\$21,544,812	\$25,853,775	\$23,700,000
Escalation at 1% per month							

Scenarios

Debt Service Payments

Assumptions:

- 4.62% net interest
- 30-year loan

**Lake County
Sheriff's Office
Annual Budget
\$4.2M**

\$20M Project



\$1,271,075/year

\$30M Project



\$1,901,675/year

\$40M Project



\$2,537,050/year

State Support for Jail Consolidation

If two or more counties enter into an IGA in order to consolidate jail functions, they will be eligible for additional support by the State which includes:

- The county sheriff's office, jail and staff can enter the state-run liability/insurance pool.
- A State funded grant program will be available to offset the costs associated with staffing, liability, jail operations, and transportation (gas, vehicle wear and tear, additional vehicles etc...).
- Funding will be prioritized for the county that hosts defendants from other counties due to increased liability and cost to house defendants.
- Additionally, funding will be prioritized for counties with smaller populations and lower average daily populations. This funding will not support the capital construction costs of a new regional jail.

Supporting counties with operational costs associated with jail consolidation has a greater impact than that same amount for jail construction

\$300,000 for a county to build a \$65M jail is 0.05% of total construction cost.

\$300,000 of a \$4M annual sheriff office budget is 7.5% of their total budget.

These operating incentives can keep an IGA in place even with leadership changes.

