

TWO PROJECTS SET TO IMPROVE ARCHIVE ANNEX

Funding approval from the Washington County Board of Commissioners on October 28th, 2019 is allowing the Washington County Archives to make two important improvements to the Archive Annex (the department's auxiliary record storage facility that once served as the county jail).

The first project is to complete the enclosure of exterior windows on the two floors of the Annex on the north side (facing the back of the historic Jonesborough courthouse). This will finish a major renovation project of the space that occurred in 2018-2019 for which funds were previously unavailable. Windows on the south side of the building were enclosed as part of that project earlier in 2019. The cost of this project is \$119,000. Thomas Weems is the architect on the project. Preston Construction Company of Johnson City is the general contractor. Work should begin in late 2019.

The second project is the purchase and installation of 84 units of shelving for records storage. This will complete shelving needs for the Archive Annex space. When shelving was originally installed in the Annex in 2012, there was not enough money available to complete three smaller storage areas. These areas will now be getting shelving. Cost of this project is approximately \$16,000. The project is expected to be completed in early 2020.

The department greatly appreciates the continuing support of County Mayor Joe Grandy, the County Commission, and other county officials involved in approving funding for these important projects.

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