

RESOLUTION NO. 09-13-14

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF TEXAS COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

WHEREAS, on the 29th day of July, 2013, Rick Caddell, Sheriff, and James M. Boring, District Attorney, met with the Board of County Commissioners and submitted plans for security for the District Attorney's Office which would include the closure of the West entrance of the Courthouse and the placement of a security wall and access door across the East end of the West hallway.

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security conducted a Risk and Security Analysis of the Texas County Courthouse in 2006-2007 and made various recommendations to improve the security of the Courthouse for the Courthouse officers, employees, and citizens of Texas County.

WHEREAS, one of the primary recommendations of the Department of Homeland Security Analysis was the closure of all but one entrance to the Courthouse.

WHEREAS, the incidences of violence have been increasing over the last decade in relation to actions directed toward the district attorney's offices across the nation and in the State of Oklahoma.

WHEREAS, there is only a single means of ingress and egress to both sides of the District Attorney's Office and an inability to provide adequate security for the Offices of the District Attorney located on the first floor of the Courthouse except for the closure of the West entrance door to the Courthouse and the construction of a security wall across the East end of the West hallway.

WHEREAS, the District Attorney's Office is in need of additional space due to the expansion of state mandated programs; and

WHEREAS, the closure of the West entrance to the Courthouse and the inclusion of the West hallway within and as a part of the District Attorney's Office would meet the current security needs of the District Attorney's Office as well as provide additional space necessary for the District Attorney's Office to provide services as currently required and the same should be approved.

NOW THEREFORE, the County Commissioners of Texas County, upon motion duly made, seconded, and approved, hereby resolve that the West entrance door to the Courthouse should be closed to public access but remain as a private entrance to the District Attorney's Office; said closure to be effective as of a date to be determined by the Sheriff and District Attorney upon commencement of the construction of the security wall closing off the West hallway. The Sheriff and District Attorney will provide appropriate signage for the West doorway and will submit the same for approval to the County Commissioners.

FURTHER, upon motion duly made, seconded, and approved by the Commissioners, the placement of a security wall across the East end of the West hallway of the Courthouse is hereby approved thereby incorporating the West hallway into and as a part of the Office of the District Attorney.

FURTHER, the Sheriff is authorized to proceed with the construction of the security wall across the East end of the West hallway to include moving of the current water fountain to provide public access to the same.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 5th DAY OF AUGUST, 2013.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
TEXAS COUNTY, OKLAHOMA



Chairman



Member

Member

ATTEST





Texas County Clerk