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## New Buffalo County Jail

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Prisoners in Buffalo County will soon be housed in a brand new, state of the art facility.

It came in about \$200,000 under budget, but officials made sure the cost savings wouldn't compromise safety.

It was standing room only at the ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday morning. Afterwards, people were given a behind the scenes look at what goes on

behind the bars.

The jail is divided into several different pods. Each pod can house around 16 inmates, who will be separated based on severity of crime and behavior.

"You can keep the dangerous prisoners away from the shop lifters and bad check writers, the less violent," said Lawrence Goldbert, the lead architect of the new jail.

Each individual cell is actually its own steel box, which means things like plumbing and electricity can be housed in a recess behind the cell.

Another first, each cell has its own shower, which means things like violence in public showers would be eliminated.

"It's a lot safer for us to do repair," said Buffalo County Sheriff Neal Miller.

"They're more economical to do and they're a more durable product."

According to Sheriff Miller, having the ability to segregate and control inmates will mean a safer environment.

For Miller, safety and cutting costs will mean a better jail for everyone.

"Our classification system will be much better. Safer for the employee, safer for the inmates," said Sheriff Miller.



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