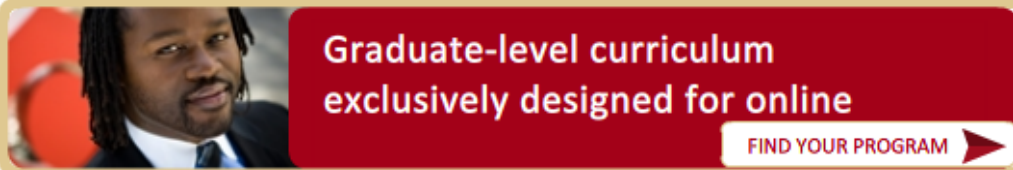


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It's the future of the new Buffalo County jail that has County Sheriff Neil Miller most excited.

"What will come in the next phase will be 40 more beds for inmates, another indoor/outdoor exercise area, some program rooms whether we're doing AA, NA or GED for the inmates," Miller said.

This is the new projected layout of what builders still hope to do in terms of the Buffalo County jail facilities - more jail cells and brand new court rooms highlight the next addition.

"Of course we're going to demolish the old jail, and that's where these new courts will be going," Jail Board Supervisor Dick Pierce said. "And the completion of phase two, and then the extra 40 beds wing will be put on. That will all be basically over where the old jail is now. There will be parking lots to the south of the facility. We now own most of this land area that we're sitting on with the exception of two houses."

The future timeline is a fast one. Sheriff Miller and his staff hope to have the entire build done before winter, meaning downtown Kearney will be changing almost daily.

"They've got to demolish the old jail, they've got to demo one of the old courts and the old court attorney's area," Miller said of the future plans. "That will all have to be demolished and then you're going to see construction get started because they want to have the next phase of the build enclosed before winter gets here."



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