



2022

COUNTY COURTROOM SECURITY REPORT

Per statute, this survey must be completed each year. Completion of this survey will require input from multiple people, including court clerks, court officers, and judges.

COURTHOUSE(S) AND COURTROOMS

1. How many courthouses are in your county, including criminal justice centers with courtrooms?	02
a. If there is more than one courthouse, please explain what types of court are held in which locations (where is circuit court, chancery court, general sessions, and juvenile court held?) Henry County, Tennessee has two (2) buildings in which court proceedings are held. The main courthouse houses the Circuit, Chancery and General Sessions Court. The physical address of this building is 101 West Washington Street Paris, TN 38242. Henry County also has a courthouse annex which houses the Henry County Juvenile Court. The physical address for this facility is 231 East Washington Street Paris, TN 38242.	
2. Number of courtrooms used only for state Circuit Court, state Criminal Court, Chancery Court, or Probate Court.	03
3. Number of courtrooms used only for General Sessions Court and/or Juvenile Court.	03
4. Number of courtrooms used for both state court and county courts.	03
5. Number of courtrooms in your county that are no longer used for official state or county proceedings (ex. Ceremonial or historical courtrooms that are no longer in use for official proceedings).	0
6. Total number of courtrooms in your county. Do NOT include ceremonial courtrooms no longer in use for official proceedings. Please note the total number of courtrooms in your county is used to evaluate whether your county meets the minimum security standards.	03



SILENT BENCH PANIC BUTTONS (MCSS #1)

1. Number of courtrooms equipped with a silent bench panic button connected to law enforcement.	03
2. Number of court clerk public transaction counter areas in all of your courthouses. Please include public transaction counters for Circuit, Criminal, Chancery, General Sessions and/or Juvenile Court clerks.	05
a. Number of court clerk public transaction counters equipped with a silent bench panic button connected to law enforcement.	05

BULLET-PROOF BENCHES/WORK AREAS (MCSS # 2)

1. Number of courtrooms equipped with a bullet-proof bench.	03
2. Number of courtrooms with bullet-proof court clerk work area.	02

COURT OFFICERS (MCSS #3 and #4)

1. Is an armed, uniformed guard in each courtroom during court?	Yes
a. If no, is a court officer available in the courthouse?	N/A
2. Does your county have dedicated court officers or does it utilize on-duty law enforcement when there are court proceedings? (dedicated, mix, on-duty)	Dedicated officers
3. Do court proceedings impact your county's ability to respond to emergencies in other areas of your county?	No
4. Did your court officers attend court security training in 2022?	Yes
a. If no, how often do court officers in your county attend training?	
5. Have the judicial staff and courthouse personnel from your county attended a court security briefing in 2022?	Yes.

HAND-HELD DETECTORS/MAGNETOMETERS (MCSS # 5)

1. Total number of hand-held detectors in your county courthouse(s).	7
2. Total number of stand-alone magnetometers in each county courthouse.	3
3. Does your county have sufficient security staff to operate magnetometers during regular business hours?	Yes



SIGNAGE (MCSS # 6)

1. Does each of the court buildings in your county have signage posted at each court access entrance stating that persons are subject to search by security personnel, that prohibited items are subject to seizure and forfeiture, and include a listing of the prohibited items?	Yes
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HAND-HELD INSPECTION MIRRORS (MCSS # 7)

1. Do you have at least one hand-held inspection security mirror per county courthouse?	Yes
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COURT SECURITY COMMITTEE

1. Does your county have a court security committee?	Yes
a. If yes, did the committee meet this year to review security issues and make recommendations?	Yes

VIDEO ARRAIGNMENT & CONFERENCING

1. Does your county utilize video arraignment and conferencing?	Yes
a. If yes, how many courtrooms have video arraignment and conferencing capabilities?	03
b. What type of video arraignment system do you utilize (i.e. BIS, Zoom)?	BIS/Zoom
c. Can your county consistently connect with TDOC facilities for virtual proceedings?	No
d. If you cannot consistently connect with TDOC facilities, would doing so decrease the amount of inmate transfers to your county?	Yes
2. Does your county utilize video conferencing for hearings, conferences, and other types of judicial proceedings (not just criminal court)?	Yes
a. If yes, how many courtrooms have the capability to hold video conference proceedings?	03
b. What type of video conferencing systems do you utilize?	Bis/Zoom
c. Does your county need additional or upgraded video conferencing capabilities for judicial proceedings?	Yes



Please list any security measures that you have taken to improve your facilities and/or to protect personnel between **December 1, 2021 and November 30, 2022.**

New video conferencing system in Chancery Court. Due to extremely limited revenues, Henry County has been unable to provide certain needed security and video conferencing updates.

Please describe any recent court security incidents in your county or unique court security issues facing your county.

The Henry County Courthouse is particularly vulnerable to security breaches due to the age of the building and the physical layout of the building. Due to the layout of the Circuit Courtroom, inmates are maintained in the courtroom with the general public.

Please explain if and how security staffing issues have impacted court security in your county.

Based upon physical layout of the courtrooms, multiple entrances utilized by the public and the lack of magnetometers at each entrance places the general public and staff at risk of potential violence. Accordingly, additional security staff is required to be utilized to ensure safety.

What are your highest priority needs related to improving court security in your county?

Magnetometers at each public entrance to the courthouse staffed with law enforcement.



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Please include the name of the PERSON preparing this report, the COUNTY that you represent, and your full contact information.

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Henry County Courthouse Assessment



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The Problems:

- Complete unrestricted building access
- Numerous unsecured entrances
- No obvious checkpoint location for current building configuration
- No perimeter security during or after business hours
- Heavy dockets
- No segregation of parties
- No weapons control program



The Problems:

- Prisoner transport in public area with no segregated egress
- Prisoners forced to be taken through regular entrances with public
- Prisoner holding facilities accessible and visible to public



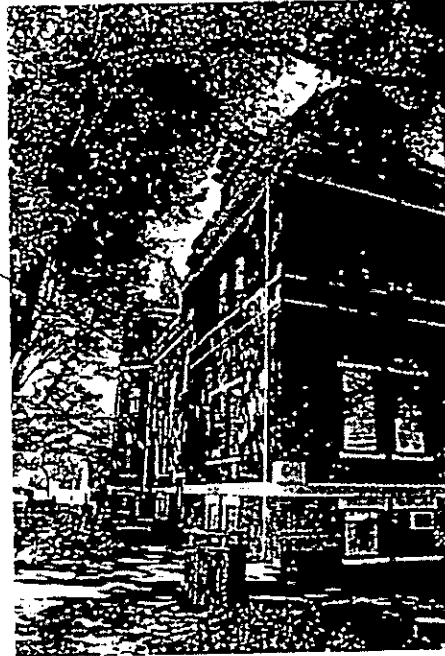
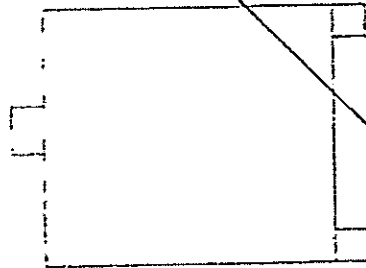
Recommendations Exterior

- Perimeter alarm
- Key control, card or other restricted access system established
- Signage prohibiting weapons

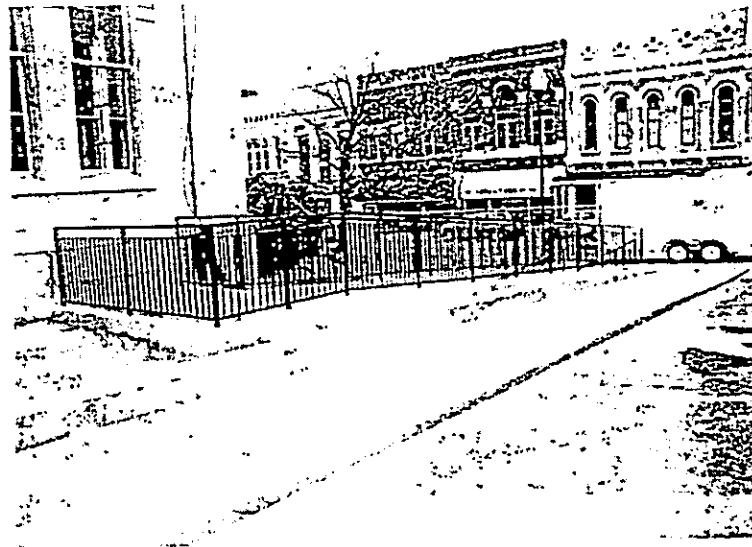


Recommendations Exterior

- Holding cell window tinting—male and female
- Sally port



Sally Port Examples



Sally Port Examples



Recommendations Exterior

- Close all entrances except for one
- This would require construction of a historically and architecturally appropriate disabled access ramp on the historic front entrance
- One security checkpoint manned by two full-time officers
- Court officers stationed in each courtroom



Recommendations--Exterior

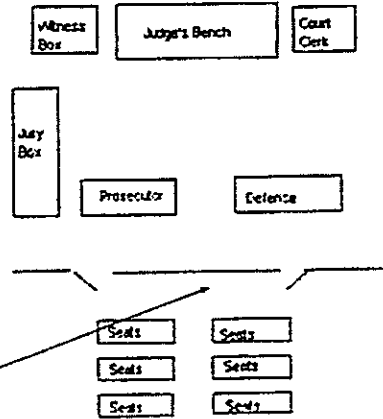
- Sally Port for safe transport should be located at rear of courthouse (opposite entrance and between holding cells with controlled access to elevator)
- Signage on doors prohibiting weapons and other prohibited items
- Window tinting for all holding facility windows visible to public—bulletproofing or relocation ideally

Recommendations--Interior—Main Floor

- Install perimeter alarm system—windows are vulnerable to burglary
- Establish controlled access to building through at least key control or ideally electronic access
- Back stairway to upstairs courtroom needs to be a secure exit only door
- Magnetometer checkpoint moved to main floor and manned to secure entire building

Recommendations--Interior-- Chancery Court

- Address windows with bullet resistance or tinting
- Door to bench for clerk's side
- Station court officer near secured courtroom door (103) during proceedings
- Utilize one entrance door to room (105)
- Install bar between gallery and well



Estimated costs:

- Manpower the most expensive
 - 2 dedicated full-time personnel for checkpoint at all times building is open
 - Dedicated court officers for each courtroom
 - All court officers except one roving deputy could assume road duties when court not in session
- Historically/architecturally accurate construction of sally port and handicap access ramp would be costly but invaluable to avoid incidents
- Portal Magnetometer--\$7,000.00
 - Current device is serviceable but outdated
- X-ray machine-- \$22,000.00
 - Sheriff's Department does have an older device available
 - Does not screen for explosives or organic substances

Estimated costs:

- Perimeter security system installation can be very inexpensive with a monitoring contract
- Bullet resistance for windows \$1000 --\$1500 per window
- Tinting expense would be minimal
- The only true way to secure the Henry County Courthouse is with a substantial investment in remodeling or relocation to a new facility
- Robertson County recently remodeled its historic courthouse to address similar issues in order to maintain the center of the legal and business community and its traditions

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