

# Municipal Court and Related Services Transition Options

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# Agenda

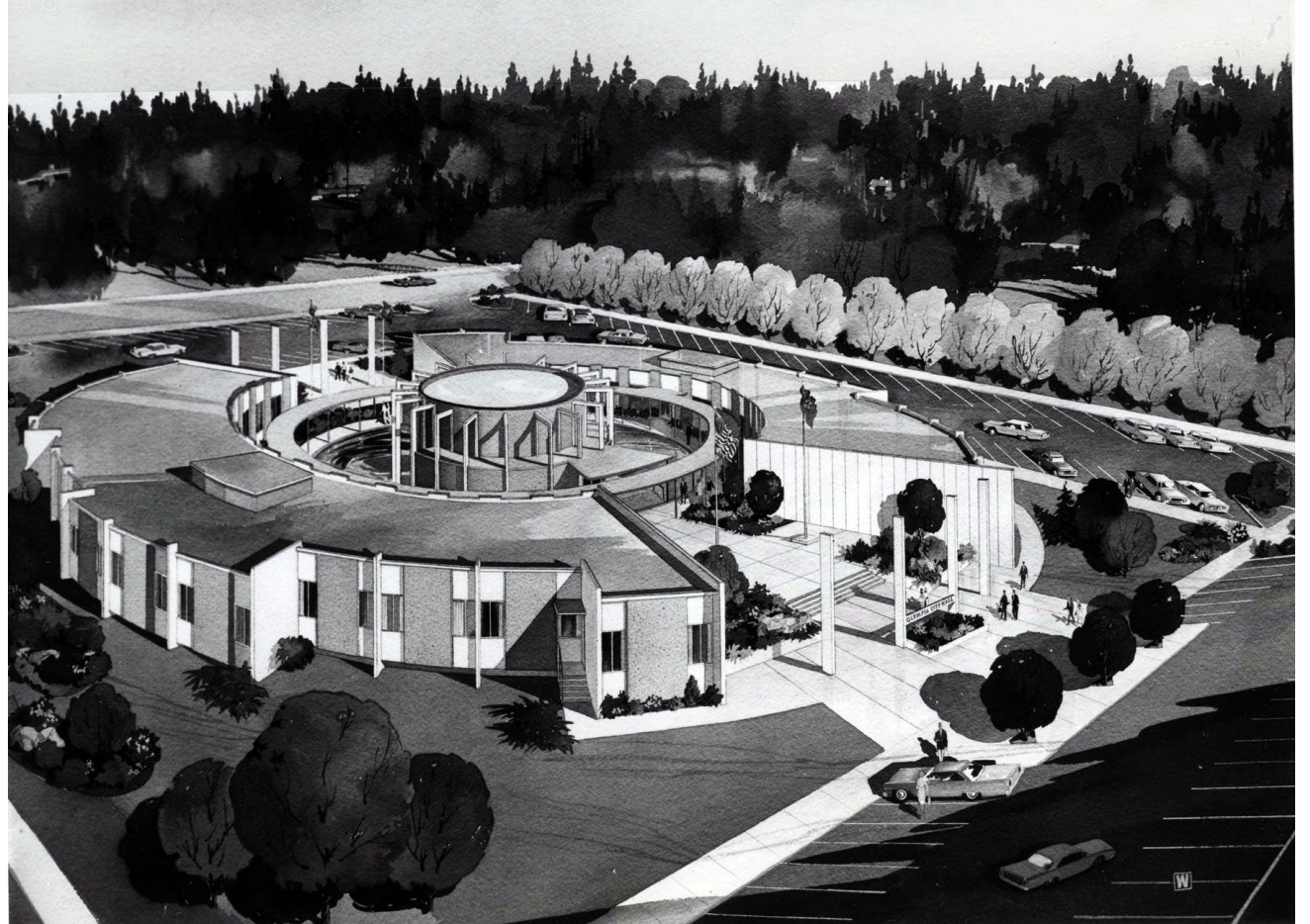
**Tonight's Purpose:** Consider approval of a resolution directing staff to negotiate an Interlocal Agreement with Thurston County for judicial, jail alternative, and supervised probation services.

- Background
- Options
  - Lease Space
  - City-owned Facilities
  - City and County
- Staff Recommendation and Next Steps
- Council Motion

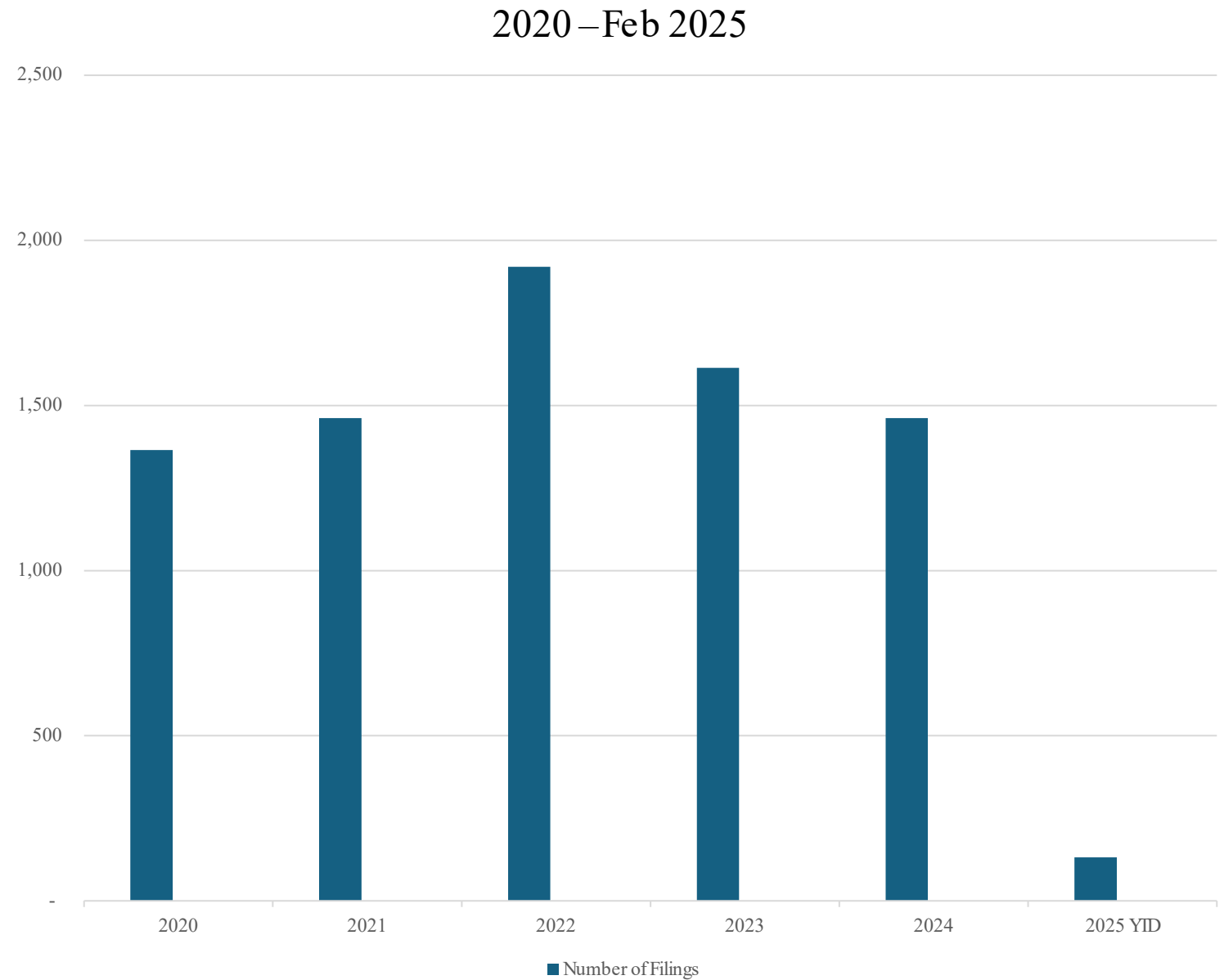


# Building History & Need to Transition

- Built in 1966
- Served as Olympia City Hall until 2011
- Repurposed to a Justice Center
- Courtroom renovation completed in 2017
- Building Condition Assessment Completed in 2019
- Justice Center Master Plan Completed in 2022
- Closed Jail in 2023

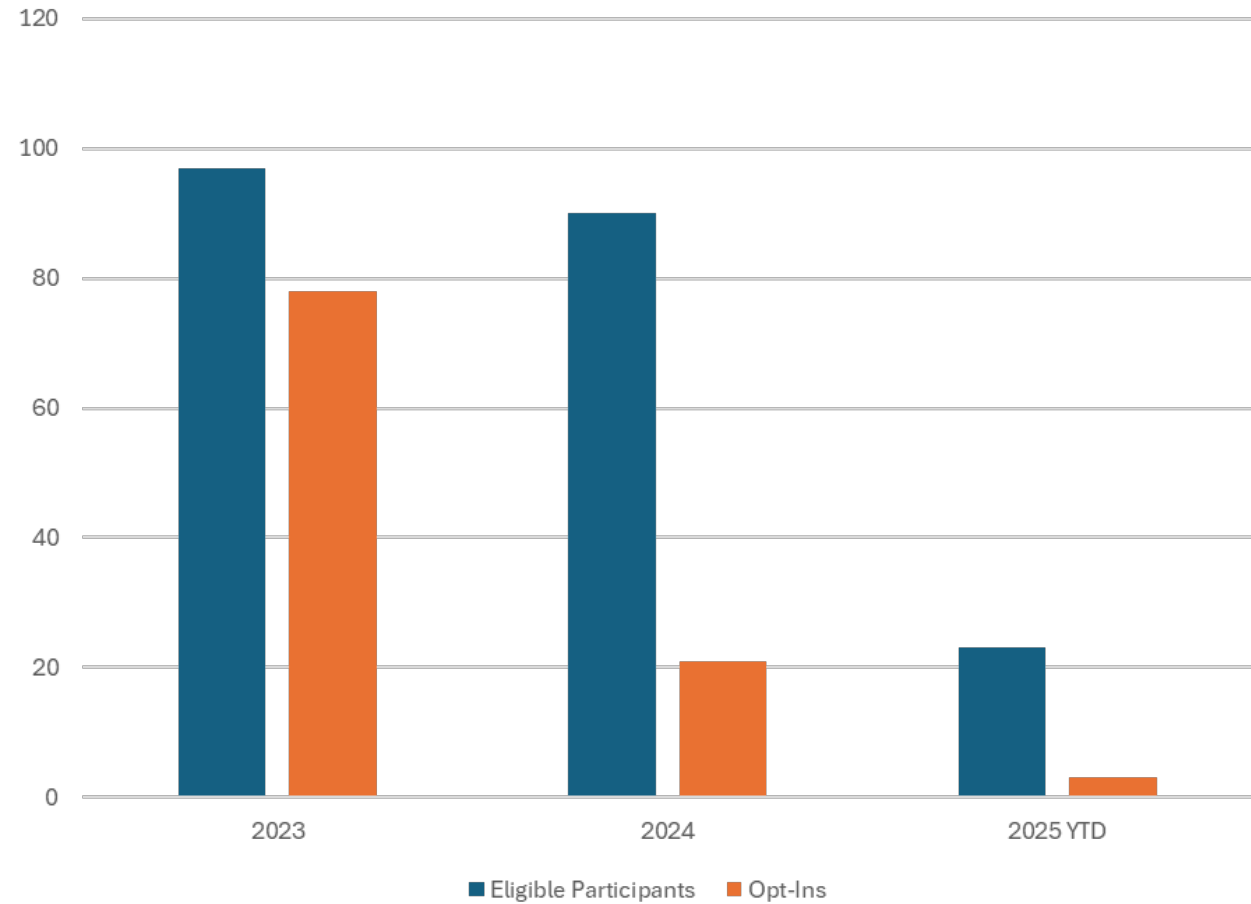


# Criminal Justice Filings



# Community Court

2023 – Feb. 2025



# Municipal Court Probation Services

Type	Performance Measure	Target	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Actual
Output Measure	Active Probation Cases	N/A	216	274	254	354	359
Quality Measure	Successful Completion of Jail Alternative Program	100%	91%	90%	94%	94%	95%
Quality Measure	Defendants successfully completing Intensive Supervision	N/A	43	38	25	32	40
Cost- Effectiveness	Defendants on Electronic Home Monitoring (EHM)	N/A	112	96^	57	76	82
Cost- Effectiveness	Total costs saved to city though Jail Alternatives (Bed days saved at \$130/day)	N/A	3801	2599^^	1,817	2,452	\$821,080
Cost- Effectiveness	Total Jail Beds Saved (EHM/SOBERLINK/ Work Crew/CS IN LIEU OF JAIL)	N/A	4487	3,220	3,266	3,364	6,316

# Guiding Principles

## 1. Reimagining Public Safety Goals

- Reduce the number of individuals who connect initially and repeatedly with law enforcement and the criminal justice system
  - Develop and expand pre-arrest and pre-booking diversion programs
  - Offer restorative practices and transformation justice options
  - Expand the availability and use of therapeutic courts

## 2. Long-term budget sustainability

- 2025 Operating Budget resulted in a loss of 25 FTEs
- Use of \$4.1 million of Fund Balance for the General Fund



# Option 1

## Lease Commercial Space

### Transition Estimate

- Tenant Improvements \$ 7,000,000
- Other Transition Exp. \$ 5,200,000

TOTAL \$12,150,000

Available Funds (\$ 9,000,000)

**Balance to Fund \$ 3,150,000**



# Option 2

## City-Owned Facilities

### Cost Estimate

- 108 State Street               \$ 5,500,000
- City Hall                       \$ 1,500,000
- Other Transition Exp.   \$ 5,200,000

TOTAL                               \$12,200,000

Available Funds               (\$ 9,000,000)

**Balance to Fund               \$ 3,200,000**



# Option 3 - Preferred City and County

1. City Retains Prosecution, Victims and Domestic Violence Assistance Programs
2. City Retains Public Defense
2. Transition Judicial Services to Thurston County



# Option 3

## Thurston County Estimate for Judicial Services

### Annual Costs (2026)

Salary/Benefits	\$2,495,000
Supplies	\$ 4,000
Facility Lease	<u>\$ 203,000</u>

Total \$2,702,000\*

Municipal Court  
Operating Budget \$2,623,700\*\*

Impact to City Operating Budget \$78,300

### One Time Costs (2025)

Tenant Improvements	\$640,000
Furniture and Equipment	<u>\$102,000</u>

Total \$742,000

\*County estimates a 3% annual COLA  
\*\*assumes 3% annual adjustment of 2025 Operating Budget

2026 Rate Study will include all Cities with current contracts expiring 12/31/2026. County anticipates cost to Olympia will be lower following study.

# Option 3

## Relocation Estimate for Prosecution and Public Defense

### Cost Estimate

- 108 State Street      \$ 3,800,000
- Other Transition Exp.    \$ 5,200,000

TOTAL      \$ 9,000,000

Available Funds      (\$9,000,000)

**Balance to Fund      \$     0**



# Services

## **Olympia Municipal Court**

1. Judicial Services
2. Community Court
3. Supervised Probation
4. Parking Infractions and Adjudication

## **Thurston County**

1. Judicial Services
2. Mental Health Court
3. Veteran's Court
4. Supervised Probation
5. Parking Infractions and Adjudication



# Option 3 - Preferred

## City and County

### **1. City Retains Prosecution, Victims and Domestic Violence Assistance Programs**

- Preserve control on how crimes are prosecuted based on City priorities and values
- Maintains relationship with Olympia Police Department
- Maintain Victims and Domestic Violence Assistance Programs

### **2. City Retains Public Defense**

- Preserve control and advocacy for people accused of misdemeanor crimes in Olympia
  - Maintains relationship and coordination between Prosecution & Public Defense for referrals to Therapeutic Courts
  - Maintain long-standing relationship with Contract Public Defenders familiar with Olympia's philosophy
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# Option 3

## City and County

### **3. Transition Judicial Services to Thurston County**

- County currently serves most jurisdictions in the County
- Therapeutic Courts are well established
- Avoids short-term and long-term capital expenditure



# Financial Comparison

Expenses	Option 1 Lease Space	Option 2 City-Owned Buildings	Option 3 City/County
One-Time	\$ 7,000,000	\$3,290,000	\$742,000
Lease/Debt Service	\$ 1,065,000	\$260,000	\$203,000
Staffing & Supplies	\$2,623,700	\$2,623,700	\$2,499,000
TOTAL	\$3,688,700	\$2,883,700	\$2,702,000
Operating Budget	\$2,623,700	\$2,623,700	\$2,623,700
Annual Budget Impact	\$ (1,065,000)	\$ (260,000)	\$ (78,300)

# Next Steps

- Begin negotiations with the County
- Work collaboratively with employees and the Union to transition
- Present Interlocal Agreement to Council for consideration and approval
- If agreement is reached, 6-month notification will be issued to Administrative Office of the Courts
- Transition Judicial Services in early 2026



# Council Action

Move to approve a resolution directing staff to negotiate an Interlocal Agreement with Thurston County for judicial, jail alternatives, and supervised probation services.

