

JUDICIAL BRANCH

FY 2026
Capital Improvement
Budget Hearing



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Thank you for your continued support
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Branch-wide Civil eFiling, Case Management and Document Management System implemented with ARPA funds.

Project fully kicked off in July 2024. On time and in budget.

December 2026 → Superior Court, CCP, and JP Court GO LIVE
December 2028 → Family Court GO LIVE

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REVIEWING CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE



LLWJC
Space Study



Judicial Branch
Security Audit

04/01/2025

02/15/2024

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FY 2026 Recommended Funding

Custom House	<ul style="list-style-type: none">\$5,000,000
JP Court 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">\$1,000,000 for lobby and office space improvementsSeaford
JP Courts 8 & 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">\$4,000,000 to merge Smyrna, Middletown facilitiesWill require additional funding in FY 2027
Minor Capital Improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">\$911,062

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Sussex County Family Court

March 2025

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June 2022



April 2024



March 2025

Sussex County Family Court Building East Market Street, Georgetown

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Sussex County Timeline



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Kent County Family Court

March 2025

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September 2022



April 2024



March 2025

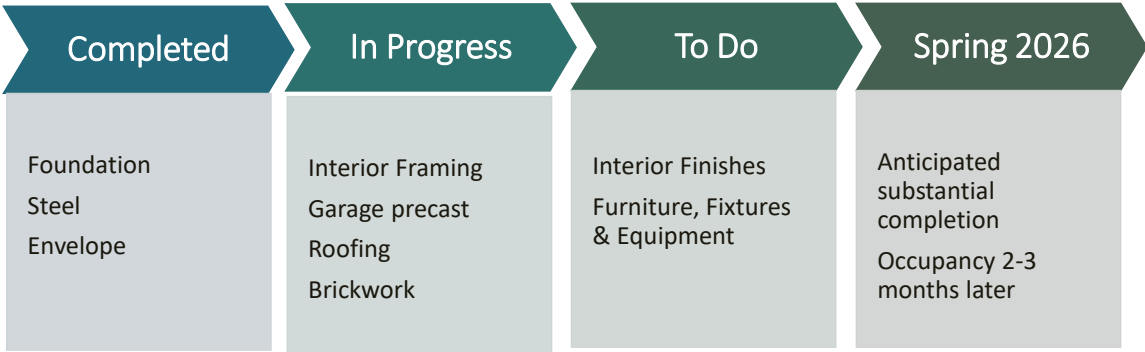
Kent County Family Court Building
South Governor's Avenue, Dover

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Kent County Timeline



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Custom House Wilmington

March 2025



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December 2023



Interior Demolition - 2025

Brownfield Remediation, Fill,
Compaction - 2025

Custom House North King Street, Wilmington

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Custom House Funding

Appropriated

- Total FY 2022 through FY 2025: \$67,401,100

Recommended

- \$5,000,000 recommended for FY 2026
- Adequate funding for current cost estimates

Future Consideration

- Road improvements for pedestrian and passenger safety on King Street

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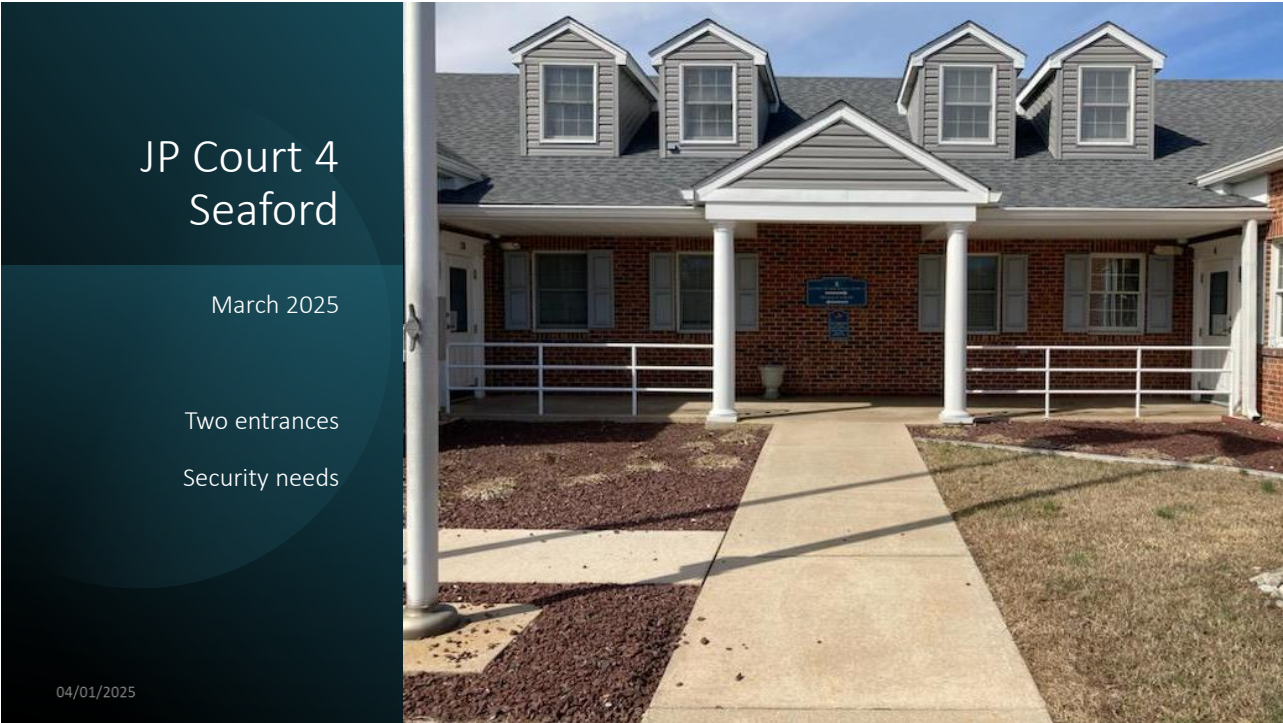
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Custom House Timeline



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JP Court 4 Seaford

March 2025

- Two entrances
- Security needs

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JP Court 8 Smyrna

March 2025

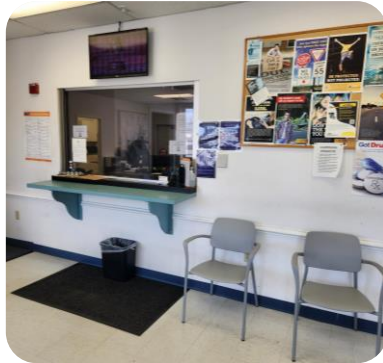
Open 2 days per week

Space is insufficient for
large calendars

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Small facility
for growing criminal calendar



Lobby overflow,
waiting room

JP Court 9 Middletown

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Thank you!

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