PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER
Updates & Developments

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The Public Safety Center will include the dispatch center (9-1-1), flexible programming spaces, training room, emergency management, jail housing, jail kitchen and laundry. It will also include the Sheriff's administration, patrol, and investigation areas.

The new facility will provide a safer and more secure jail. To foster a stronger community, the Public Safety Center's operations will focus on flexibility, efficiency, and mental health concerns.

Construction Manager Selected

On May 7, the County Board of Commissioners selected **The Christman Company** as the Public Safety Center's Construction Manager (CM). A CM is brought on early in the process to provide valuable input into design, costs, and timelines.

As the project's CM, Christman will oversee every stage of the construction project. CM roles include, but are not limited to:

- Budget control
- Schedule management
- Quality assurance
- Communication
- Procurement
- Contractor management
- Reporting
- Documentation
- Site logistics
- Quality control

CMs help ensure that a project follows the approved design and timeline developed with the architect and owner. In addition, CMs work closely with the project's architects, engineers, and inspectors to resolve issues as they arise throughout the construction process.

Preliminary Project Estimate

The Board contracted with Christman for preconstruction services in late 2025. Those services included cost estimates at multiple stages of the design process.

On May 7, Noah Schneider, Senior Project Manager for Christman, briefed the Board on the programs that are driving the facility's design: corrections, dispatch, the Sheriff's Office, behavioral/mental health, and emergency operations.

Mr. Schneider provided a technical overview of the cost estimation process, citing real-time data and site-specific variables. He confirmed that the project's budget is on track to be within the $27 million budget that was approved by the Board of Commissioners.

> "The project's budget is on track."

The November 2025 bond referendum authorized the County to borrow up to $18 million over 15 years. As planned in 2025, the remaining $9 million will come from existing County funds. Having those funds availalbe is a direct result of the Board's strategic budgeting and financial planning.

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Next Update will be in late summer

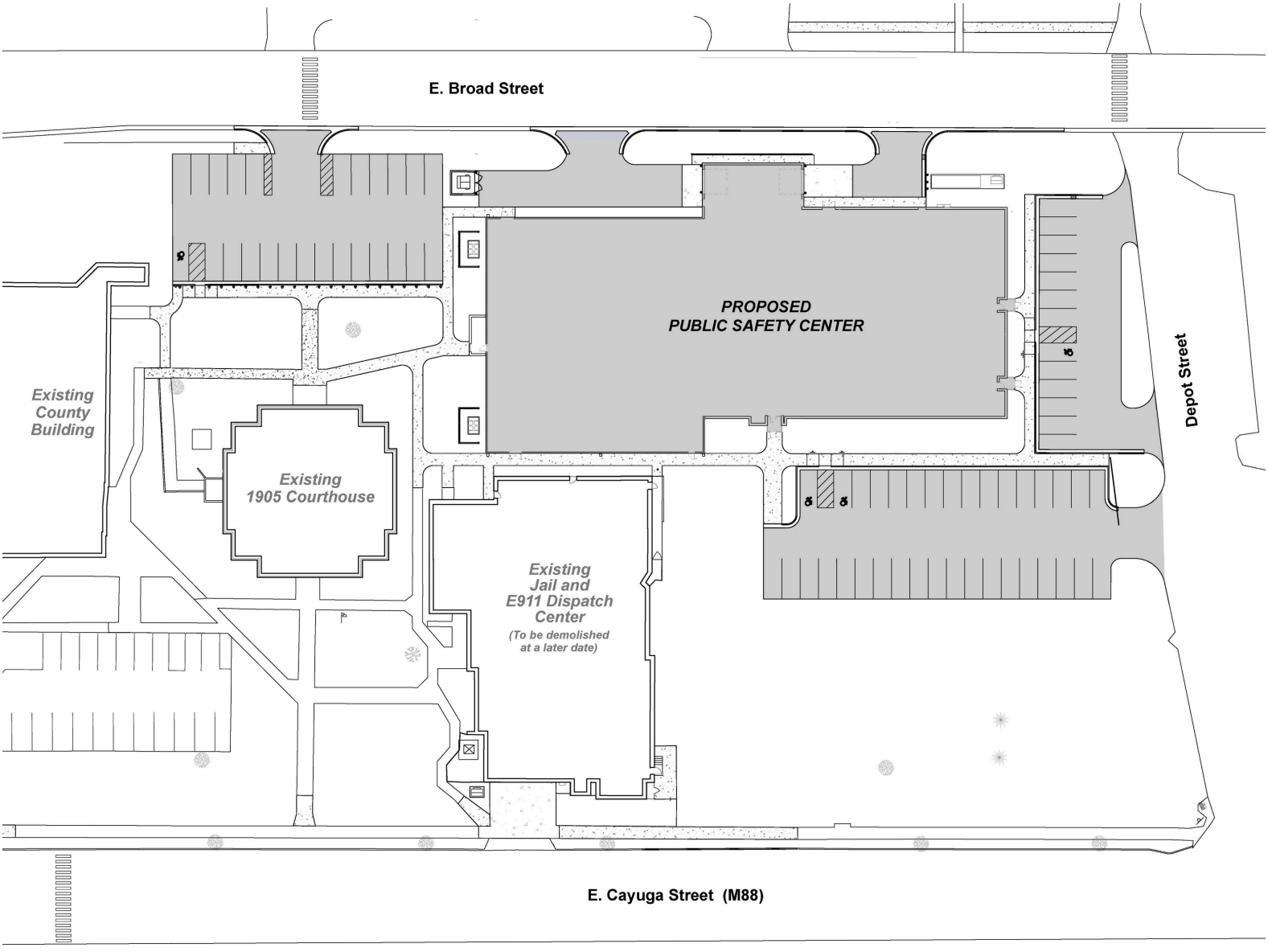
Location of the Public Safety Center

The Public Safety Center will be built along East Broad Street in Bellaire, north and east of the existing 1955 jail. Public access will be on the south side of the new facility, with public parking off a Depot Street entrance. The vehicle sallyport, which allows the secure movement of inmates, will be located on the facility's north side, on E. Broad. (See preliminary site plan below.)

For safety reasons, **a new sidewalk will be constructed on the north side of E. Broad;** a portion of the existing sidewalk on the south side of E. Broad will not be replaced.

The M-88 property that currently houses the Antrim County Animal Shelter was considered as a location for the Public Safety Center. However, it was not ultimately selected for a number of reasons, including:

- Poor soil conditions at that location would increase construction costs.
- A location remote from the Courthouse would necessitate additional—and permanent—transportation costs.
- Any increase in inmate transportation results in increased danger to the public.



Public Safety Center Preliminary Site Plan