



MORGAN COUNTY, INDIANA

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Morgan County Judicial Building



The new Morgan County Judicial Building, constructed adjacent to the county's Administration Building in Martinsville, is a \$46 million investment. The building is the cornerstone of a larger \$72 million project, creating a new center for the county's courts and completely renovating the existing, historic courthouse for administrative use.

Replacing the Morgan County Courthouse - which was constructed in 1857 - has been discussed for nearly 50 years.

The project procurement included GM Development, DLZ Architects and Engineers, and Meyer Najem as the Construction Manager.

Morgan County Courts

The new building features courtrooms for one Circuit Court, three Superior Courts and two Hearing Courts. Unlike the previous Courthouse, the Judicial Building has room for all court employees, including those in the prosecutor and probation offices.

Each courtroom has a separate entrance for court defendants, secure jury spaces, a judge's room, private restrooms and clerical work areas. State-of-the-art software is available for recording court proceedings, displaying evidence and facilitating jury trials. Audio assist technology is available during court sessions for those who are hearing impaired.



Other Building Features



Parking for the Judicial Campus includes two lots with 202 spaces adjacent to the building. Upon entering the building, visitors will be screened through security and will enter Morgan Hall, which features a new, local mural.

The Judicial Building itself includes 71,800 square feet over three floors and 21 restrooms. Digital display boards are located throughout the building to assist with wayfinding and monitoring court schedules.

Security cards are required for every office and department.

Existing Morgan County Courthouse

The Morgan County Courthouse is a source of pride for the community. While it will no longer serve as Morgan County's center for the court system, it will be rehabilitated for use by County professionals currently working in the Administration Building.

Once employees are moved into the new Judicial Building in late July 2025, crews will begin \$23 million in renovations to the Courthouse. This includes the replacement of all exterior windows, the roof, the elevator, the plumbing and the heating system. It also includes upgrades to improve safety and make the building Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant, as well as a 5,000-square foot addition for ADA-accessible public restrooms.



Exterior bricks will be repaired and/or replaced to preserve the historic facade.

Street Closures During Courthouse Renovations

Improvements to the Courthouse will require the closure of streets on the Courthouse Square. The Morgan County Commissioners and City of Martinsville engaged downtown Martinsville businesses to determine the best approach to street and parking closures. Based on several conversations and two meetings, the following was approved by the City Board of Works.

- **Jefferson Street** - Beginning in mid-July, Jefferson Street will be closed for approximately four weeks. Jefferson Street and diagonal parking on the east side of the Courthouse will open in August and new parking on the west side will open in Fall 2026. The south sidewalk will close for two days to pour new curbs and a sidewalk extension.
- **Morgan, Main and Washington Streets** - Work on Morgan, Main and Washington streets will not begin until Jefferson Street reopens. Work on these streets will last about 16 weeks, with one lane closed, allowing one-way traffic.
- **All streets** will reopen by Thanksgiving 2025.

Downtown Parking

In late 2025, 42 parking spaces will remain open on Main, Morgan and Washington streets at all times. The Fall Foliage Festival will take place at the Morgan County Fairgrounds during construction.

In August 2025, 23 spaces are expected to open on Jefferson Street. By Thanksgiving 2025, all streets and parking adjacent to the Courthouse will reopen, including:

- Sidewalks
- Signage
- ADA ramps
- 67 parking spaces (2 new)

Once the entire \$72 million Judicial Campus construction and Courthouse renovations are complete, there will be 515 total parking spaces in downtown Martinsville.