COUNTY TO IMPROVE COURTHOUSE SECURITY

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WOODBURY COUNTY SUPERVISORS ARE MOVING AHEAD WITH PLANS TO INCREASE SECURITY AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

A COMMITTEE COMPRISED OF SUPERVISORS, THE COUNTY ATTORNEY AND SHERIFF, THE CHIEF DISTRICT JUDGE AND OTHERS FORWARDED THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE FULL BOARD.

THAT INCLUDED INSTALLING NINE VIDEO CAMERAS INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE COURTHOUSE, CLOSING THE WEST ENTRY ON DOUGLAS STREET AND RELOCATING THE WHEELCHAIR ACCESS RAMP TO THE NORTH ENTRANCE.

GEORGE BOYKIN IS ONE OF THE TWO SUPERVISORS ON THE COMMITTEE:

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SUPERVISORS DAVID TRIPP AND MARK MONSON BOTH SAY IMPROVED SECURITY IS LONG OVERDUE IN THE COURTHOUSE:

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THE BOARD VOTED 4-1 TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF TAKING BIDS ON CAMERAS AND MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PLAN. LARRY CLAUSEN WAS THE ONLY DISSENTING VOTE:

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FUNDING THE CHANGES REMAINS AN ISSUE. THE ESTIMATED CAMERA AND HARDWARE COSTS ARE NEARLY 48-THOUSAND DOLLARS, WITH STAFFING COSTS RUNNING ANOTHER 155-THOUSAND.

THAT DOESN'T INCLUDE RELOCATING THE WHEELCHAIR LIFT.

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