

**History of the Ontario County Jail – 1789 to present**



Ontario County Jail 1789

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Ontario County Jail 1789 - 1815

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Ontario County Jail 1815 - 1895

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1895 -1961 (No photo provided)

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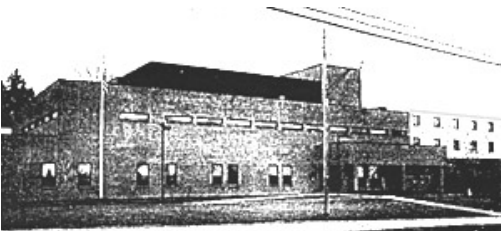


Ontario County Jail Construction Rendition 1961 (74 Ontario Street)

1961 – 1995 **The new jail [1961] was estimated to have cost \$530,000.**

Housing ability [in the 1961 jailed] included 66 cells (60 for men, 6 for women), 2 detention cells, and 2 juvenile rooms. The Sheriff's residence was retained along with the jail barn (erected in 1895), and the stone shed (erected in 1816).

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Ontario County Jail 1961-1981

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Ontario County Jail Expansion 1981 - 2003

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Ontario County Jail 2003

The process for building a new jail facility is very lengthy and time consuming. This project started in 1998 with the creation of the "Jail Project Committee" (JPC) by the Board of Supervisors.



**The Board votes 'Yes.'**

The original JPC members: Dick Onze - Chairman, Georgia Delaney, Charlie Domville, Carmen Orlando and Ray Montcrieff. Changes in this membership: Wayne Houseman replaced Ray Montcrieff. Dick Onze was replaced by Carmen Orlando as Chairman. Jack Richter was added to fill the Committee. Representatives from various organizations attend the JPC meetings as non-voting members. From the Sheriff's Office, Sheriff Povero, CCO Haskins and Sgt. Cook were regular attendees.

In early 1999, the Jail Division created "Task Force" teams. Sgt. Dennis Cook was designated the Transition Coordinator to work on various projects. The teams were staffed and organized on May 16, 2000 and consisted of:

- Building Design,
- Security,
- Electronics,
- Staffing and
- Furnishings.

All officers were invited to provide input to all of the teams. The Building Design team kicked things off, providing input as to "what we would like" in the new facility. Security, Electronics and Furnishings followed shortly thereafter. Of special note, the Furnishings Team was able to save over \$700,000 from the budget.

The first "concept" data and drawings arrived from L. Robert Kimball Associates in July 2000. From this point until March 6, 2002, the plans and data have been reviewed and revised many times. Input from the Jail Task Force played a great part in the overall design and operational concept of the facility.

On March 7, 2002, the plans to construct a new jail facility and the proposed budget to build it were presented to the Board of Supervisors. 276 beds - \$28.75 million. .



**Groundbreaking Ceremony, April 3, 2002.**

A ground breaking ceremony was held on April 3, 2002, with approximately 80 attendees. Among those present were members of the Board of Supervisors; Chairman of the Commission of Corrections, Alan Croce; County Administrator, Geoff Astles; NYS Assemblyman, Brian Kolb; Ontario County Planning Department, Tom Harvey; Sheriff Phil Povero and CCO Alice Haskins.