

JACKSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

As Jackson County continuously grew, the county commissioners realized the necessity of creating a comprehensive building plan for their downtown courthouse. RATIO designed a plan that achieved appropriate restoration and sympathetic modernization of the existing structure in a series of individual projects of limited scope.

Renovation of the exterior courthouse included repairs to the masonry and the existing doors and windows. Inside, RATIO retained the overall historic character and appearance as they created a more efficient and functional office space. To improve the efficient use of space and provide a uniform appearance in the new offices, the County also provided new systems furniture. Along with these changes, RATIO restored finishes; made structural repairs in the lobbies to restore them to their original state; improved mechanical, electrical, plumbing and data wiring systems; and installed a new elevator to address accessibility issues and unify floor levels.

The restored courthouse is now home to the offices of the assessor, auditor, clerk, recorder and treasurer departments on the first floor level; the court, court staff and prosecutor are accommodated on the second floor level. The basement level is used for additional record storage and for the offices of agricultural extension and probation.

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