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JACKSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL APPROVES COURTHOUSE LEGISLATION

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 25, 2006 – On Tuesday, Jan. 24, the Jacksonville City Council approved Mayor Peyton's plan to move forward with the Duval County Courthouse facilities project.

Key components of the legislation include:

- Establishes a courthouse project which can be accomplished within existing revenue sources.
- Establishment of a \$250 million construction budget for the following facilities:
 - Criminal Courthouse (388,000 sq. ft.)
 - Old Federal Courthouse renovation (172,810 sq. ft.)
 - Public Defender space (70,000 sq. ft.)
 - Renovations at the existing courthouse
- Establishment of a Courthouse Architectural Committee comprised of representatives from the judiciary, City Council, the administration and the community.
- Establishment of a master plan for the project which addresses community and user needs through 2035. This will include a plan for the later reunification of the Criminal and Civil sections of the judiciary.
- Establishment of a Guaranteed Maximum Price for the construction of a 388,000 square foot Criminal Courthouse Facility and provisions to return to City Council for authorization to proceed with construction.
- Establishment of a \$13.5 million Master Plan Implementation contingency which shall be directed at the reunification of the Criminal and Civil courts.

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