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### **Richland County Completes Four-Year, Debt-Free Renovation of Administration Building and Courthouse**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners proudly announces the completion of a comprehensive, four-year renovation of the County Administration Building and Courthouse, marking a major milestone in the County's ongoing commitment to efficient government, public safety, and employee well-being. Completed with no debt incurred, the project represents a significant long-term investment in public service and infrastructure for the residents of Richland County.

The multi-year initiative modernized critical public spaces, expanded courtroom capacity, and upgraded aging infrastructure throughout the facility—much of which dated back to the building's original construction in 1968.

#### **Project Highlights Include:**

- **Expanded Court Capacity:** Relocation of the Clerk of Courts in fall 2024 enabled construction of a new 2,700-square-foot Common Pleas General Division courtroom. This 4<sup>th</sup> courtroom significantly increases public courtroom availability by reducing delays in trials and hearings.
- **Modernized Public Spaces:** Approximately 4,600 square feet of high-traffic common areas—refreshed with brighter finishes, new ceilings, energy-efficient lighting, and upgraded seating.
- **Reimagined Land Bank Offices:** Formerly outdated space, including a former jail area, fully repurposed with customized workspaces, new walls and doors, a state-of-the-art boardroom, and enhanced public seating.
- **Employee and Visitor Improvements:** All 10 restrooms fully renovated for the first time since the building opened, with modern fixtures and ADA-compliant accessibility. New amenities include a break room, an upgraded employee fitness area, and a new Community Control training room.
- **Infrastructure and Security Upgrades:** Fire protection, electrical, HVAC, and security systems modernized with advanced digital controls to ensure long-term safety, efficiency, and sustainability.

A video showcasing the renovations and celebrating project completion is available at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Py1ijgc4inA>