



Existing doors were reused as transaction windows in the newly remodeled Clerk of Courts Office.



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BROOKINGS COUNTY COURTHOUSE REMODELING PROJECT

Completed 2013

Architects: **Architecture, Inc.**

General Contractor: **Waltz Construction**



Courtroom B (formerly the Clerk of Courts office)

Space Needs

Brookings County had been experiencing a growth in court space needs for over 10 years. The largest need was in additional courtroom space. The \$1.6 million dollar project resulted in:

- Increased office space for judges, Clerk of Courts Office, law clerk, and Court Services Office;
- Two new courtrooms for use by both circuit and magistrate judges, including a 2nd jury courtroom;
- Conversion of an existing courtroom into a ITV/ Hearing room;
- Addition of a law library, attorney-client meeting areas and remodeled/expanded public restrooms.



ITV/Hearing Room (formerly the "small courtroom")

Integrating Technology

As part of the remodeling efforts, new technology was integrated into existing spaces and into the new courtrooms. This includes:

- Audio/Visual capabilities in all courtrooms.
- Assisted listening device capabilities in all courtrooms.
- Enhanced security in all office areas, courtrooms, and public spaces.



Courtroom C (formerly the Court Services offices)

Financial

The total cost of the remodeling project was \$1,647,415. The project was financed by \$1.6 million dollars of lease-purchase bonds to be paid for out of the existing building fund levy and supplemented with existing building fund cash. The costs were broke down into these categories:

- Building/Construction= \$1,194,882;
- Furniture, Equipment, & Technology = \$332,144;
- Professional Services = \$120,389.



Courtroom A (original courtroom on 3rd floor with added technology & newly accessible jury area)

Preserving History

Care was taken to ensure that the historical integrity of the building was not compromised. The County worked with the SD State Historical Society, the Brookings Historic Preservation Commission, as well as a consultant with Architecture, Inc. in the design of the facility.

Some items that were done include:

- Keeping the historic look in the public corridors;
- Reusing existing doors as transaction windows in the new Clerk of Courts Office on the 1st floor (formerly the Treasurer's Office);
- Refinishing of existing woodwork, preserving it for the future;
- Replacement of exterior windows while keeping original interior window casing;
- Adaptation of existing jury box in the 3rd floor courtroom to allow for accessibility but keeping the look of the original jury box;
- Incorporating existing features into the design including map cases, vault doors and other features throughout the building.