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Bricks from this section under the front porch were removed prior to demolition and saved for a commemorative wall to be built inside the new County Clerk's Office addition.



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Razing of the old jailer's house gets underway starting with the rear of the building. The house was completely demolished Friday evening making room for temporary parking and later a planned addition to the county courthouse.



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A gravel parking lot now occupies the space where the old jailer's house once stood.

# Old Jailer's house demolished

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The old Washington County jailer's house is no more. Demolition of the home began on Friday, Oct. 25, and a gravel overflow parking lot was in its place by Saturday afternoon.

County Judge-Executive Tim Graves said the demolition started after offices at the courthouse closed for the day on Friday afternoon, phone lines were disconnected and removed to not interfere with the demolition. Demolition and cleanup was completed on Saturday and gravel placed on the now vacant lot. Graves said the lot will be used for overflow parking until the county is ready to begin construction of the new County Clerk's Office.

Graves said last week that with savings by having the county purchase some of the materials for the new Emergency Services Building direct-

ly and providing it to the contractor, he believes that building can be constructed with money the county has and without any debt.

He said once that building project is complete the county can look at financing options and construction of the new clerk's office.

Many in the community believed the house to be of historical significance. Graves said some of the bricks from the jailer's house were removed prior to the razing of the house and saved to be used for construction of a wall commemorating the history of the jailer's house inside the new building.

In addition to providing additional space for the County Clerk's Office, the project also includes widening the alley to two lanes for easier traffic flow, additional parking, and additional space for future growth.



Demolition of the old jailer's house on Friday makes room for additional office space for the Washington County Clerk's office.

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