

New Mobile Federal Courthouse and John Campbell Courthouse Renovation Town Hall Bulletin



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SECOND FLOOR COURTROOM DEMOLITION



Removal of the 2nd floor east courtroom wall paneling exposing original plaster behind

ONE of the more exciting portions of the project to renovate and historically restore the Campbell courthouse occurs in the courtrooms themselves. The east courtroom on the second floor was last remodeled over 50 years ago. Some exploratory demolition by the design team back in 2017 discovered original plaster (above right) hidden behind 1960's era walnut wall panels that were

installed on a framing grid (above left) that rendered the plaster behind largely intact. In addition to repairing the plaster, new floor, ceiling, and wall finishes will improve the acoustics in the courtroom and, along with new lighting, bring the courtroom back to a state that will more closely resemble its original character for the incoming tenant the US Bankruptcy Court.

DRYWALL BEGINS: The demolition phase of the project is nearing completion with demo crews reaching level 1 in December. The hanging of drywall on the tops of newly framed walls on level 5 and 4 also began this month and will continue down the building. Demolition and removal of equipment from the basement mechanical room is complete and will be followed by demolition of the old curbs and pads.

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