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### **Public Safety Committee Hears Report on Successful Jail Kitchen Renovation; Requests Timeline for Anticipated Projects**

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. — The Macomb County Board of Commissioners Public Safety Committee this week heard a report on the savings generated by the recent Macomb County Jail kitchen renovation, and called for a timeline of anticipated needs at the 1,200-inmate facility for budget consideration by the Board of Commissioners.

Macomb County Sheriff's Department Captain John Roberts told the committee, chaired by Commissioner Phil DiMaria, that the approximately \$1.5 million renovation was completed on schedule and at about \$25,000 under budget. The improvements, which included energy efficient equipment and plumbing and ventilation upgrades, significantly upgraded the 50-year-old kitchen where inmate meals are prepared. Upgrades also addressed health and upkeep issues, significantly reducing maintenance costs from approximately \$50,000 in the first six months of 2009, to \$1,500 for the same time period in 2011, he said.

Commissioner Jim Carabelli suggested a timeline for necessary upgrades so the Board of Commissioners can keep projects in mind when approving upcoming budgets, as well as a running record of savings generated by the upgrades.

"I am very pleased with the information we heard today," Public Safety Committee Chair Phil DiMaria said. "Achieving long-term and short-term savings while keeping our county jail up to required standards is definitely a successful conclusion to this project."

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