

White County's New Jail Ready

MONTICELLO — The White County Sheriff's Department has moved to the new jail, construction of which was completed recently. Sheriff LeRoy Farney said that prisoners will be lodged there, beginning March 1.

The county has not had a jail and all prisoners have been taken to Cass County. This was the only county in Indiana without one.

The one-story brick veneer building is at 315 N. Illinois St., two blocks north of the White County Courthouse.

Modern in every detail, Farney said that a \$24,000 communications control center in the central part of the building is the hub around which all activities will revolve.

Federal funds from the Criminal Justice Commission will pay \$14,394.90 of the cost of the center, the balance to be assumed by the county. Installation of the complete system, now purchased, is expected to be done by April.

The system will permit one operator to control and maintain all radio frequencies. There

will be tape recording around the clock of all messages received or given by either radio or telephone.

The control center will also include a vehicle status system, selected signalling, alert tone, intercom, coded squelch, monitor transmit, simul-select, supervisory control for one channel and eight combinations of channel select and bust mute switches.

A 20-code encoder panel will enable the office to alert factories, schools, etc., in case of tornado or disaster alert.

The monitor system will feature surveillance by closed circuit TV cameras of hallways and certain areas of the jail.

All doors are locked to be opened through a push button and speaker system from the Center. Cells are electrically controlled.

In the misdemeanor category for males there are two sections of six bunks each, with a large day room. The maximum security section has five cells and a separate day room.

In the women's section there are two sections, each having four bunks and a separate day room.

There is also a juvenile male section and separate day room, a drunk tank, and a padded cell for mentally ill persons.

All the windows and doors have bulletproof glass.

A hot water and hot air system has been installed, and the quarters also are air-conditioned.

The rooms include: sheriff's office, kitchen, room for matron and turnkey, squad room for deputies, with lockers, showers and lavatories, clerk and record's office, booking and preparation room for fingerprinting and processing.

There also is a photographic laboratory, interrogation room and visitors' room. Parking for the public is on the south side of the building.

Sheriff LeRoy Farney, now in his sixth year as County Sheriff, plans an open house later, in the spring.