

# New county jail taking shape

## No-frills cells lack basic paint

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A schedule for the remaining work at the new White County Jail should be completed by Friday.

"Everett (Bucy) will have a definitive progress schedule by the end of this week," said Dean Roth, on-site construction manager for Everett E. Bucy Building Services.

The building is beginning to look more like a building and less like free-standing walls, and will continue to come together, he said.

"By Memorial Day it will look a lot more together," Roth said.

Some of the concrete floors have been poured, and some inside walls in the cell blocks are in place.

Cell doors, which are 21/2 foot wide, are being hung on some of the cells. Each cell door has a window and an opening for passing meals through to the prisoners.

Each 7-by-11 foot cell will house two prisoners and will contain two metal bunks welded to a wall. There will only be two feet between the top and bottom bunk, he said.

The cell will also contain a seat and desk, also welded to a wall, a lavatory, sink and water fountain, Roth said.



Bill Lovitt of Environmental Testing Services checks density of ground

Photo by Terry Hughes

The only area in each cell which will be painted will be around the lavatory, he said. That area must be painted with a special paint according to regulations for jails.

The rest of the cell block area will not be painted because the designers were instructed to cut costs where possible, Roth said.

Stresscore panels for the ceilings should begin to be delivered in the next couple of weeks. A crane will lift the panels into place directly from the semitrailers which will deliver them.

A maximum of seven stresscore panels will be delivered on each semi, Roth said. The project will require 35 to 50 semitrailer

loads with each truck spaced about 30 minutes apart.

The panels, which look a lot like large cement slabs, are designed to fit together once in place.

Other parts of the project, such as the two boilers designed to heat the building, have already

## Construction 4 months off initial plan

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The new White County Jail project began about four months behind and will probably remain four months behind until completion.

"We could make up a little time, but not that much," said Dean Roth. "We're not going to substitute lack of craftsmanship for speed."

Roth explained that the project began behind schedule because they were not allowed to sign the contracts until the funding for the project was complete.

Getting the funding established took longer than was expected, moving the beginning date back approximately four months.

The final completion date will now probably be around January.

been delivered.

The boilers, each about 3x5x6 feet, will produce about 1.5 million btu's each and will heat the entire building.

"That's what makes the building so difficult. There are so many special parts that you can't just get at the hardware store," Roth said.