

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How long has Lincoln County been discussing security of the Courthouse?
In 2007 U.S. Department of Justice surveyed the Courthouse and made recommendations. One of those was to secure the facility to one door.
2. Was there one incident that prompted closing now?
There have been several incidents that have prompted the discussion and made it a more serious discussion. The Board of Commissioners has chosen to be proactive rather than reactive.
3. Will I be strip searched?
Everyone will pass through the metal detector and place bags on the scanner. Officer will have a wand for anyone that trips the metal detector.
4. Has the Courthouse been deemed unsafe?
NO
5. What about parking. Where are we going to park?
Parking is an issue. Lincoln County asks that all employees of the courthouse park in designated areas. Enforcement by the City will increase. Parking will be limited to 2 hours.
6. Can employees enter any door?
NO-everyone will enter in the South Doors.
7. Why was a Security Company chosen?
After discussion of the Security Committee which includes the Sheriff's department, it was determined that a Security Company would be most cost effective.
8. Does the Security Committee make all the decisions?
The Security Committee is an advisory committee which communicates with the Board of Commissioners. All decisions are ultimately made by the Board of Commissioners.
9. Will I have to stand outside in line to get in?
The public coming in the south doors should be able to enter quickly through the security checkpoint. The system can handle 500 people an hour and we estimate having 500 people in a day in the courthouse.
10. Can I bring my tools in the Courthouse?
No, you will need to leave all tools such as pocket knives, screwdrivers, pliers in your vehicle.
11. What if I forget and bring in my pliers?
You will need to return any items to your vehicle before entering the Courthouse.