

OMAHA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

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Galen Aldrich Sr.
Dustin Lovejoy

RESOLUTION NO. 25-128

OF THE

OMAHA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

RE: SUPPORT FOR THE JUSTICE CENTER PROJECT AND SELECTING THE OLD BINGO HALL AS THE PROJECT LOCATION

WHEREAS, The Omaha Tribe of Nebraska is a federally recognized Indian tribe, organized under a constitution and bylaws approved by the Secretary of Interior on April 30, 1936, pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article III, Sec.1 of the constitution of the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska, the governing body of the Omaha Tribe shall also be known as Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 1 (j) of the Constitution of the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska provides the Omaha Tribal Council with the power to safeguard and promote the economy and general welfare of the Omaha Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council recognizes the critical need for improved justice infrastructure to support the operations of tribal law enforcement, judicial services, and community safety programs; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe seeks to move forward with the Justice Center Project, which is intended to provide modern and culturally appropriate facilities to support public safety and justice-related services; and

WHEREAS, after careful consideration and consultation with community members and relevant stakeholders, the Tribal Council has determined that the Old Bingo Hall property is the most appropriate and beneficial site for the Justice Center due to its location, accessibility, and alignment with the Tribe's long-term development goals;

WHEREAS, the Omaha Tribal Housing Authority currently holds ownership over the Old Bingo Hall property and has expressed willingness to transfer ownership to the Tribe for the purpose of the Justice Center Development

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council hereby formally supports the development of the Justice Center Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council directs the appropriate tribal departments and entities to take all necessary actions to initiate planning, funding, and development efforts for the Justice Center at the designated location.


BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Omaha Tribal Council directs the Omaha Tribal Housing Authority to cooperate fully with the Tribe in facilitating the transfer of ownership and supporting the development of the Justice Center

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the foregoing resolution was considered at a duly called meeting of the Omaha Tribal Council on the 20 day of May, 2025, and was adopted by a vote of: 5 for; 0 against; 1 abstaining; with the Chairman not voting. A quorum of 6 was present.

| MEMBERS VOTE: | YES | NO | ABSTAIN |
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| Jason Sheridan | | | Abstain |
| Jerome Hamilton | X | | |
| Dustin Lovejoy | X | | |
| Alan Harlan | | | Absent |
| Leander Merrick | X | | |
| Galen Aldrich Sr | X | | |
| Cheyenne Robinson | X | | |

Submitted by:


Cheyenne Robinson, MBA, MLS
Omaha Tribal Council Secretary

5-20-25
Date

Attest:


Jason Sheridan, Chairman
Omaha Tribal Council

5-20-25
Date

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RESOLUTION NO. 25-111

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RE: Supporting Statement of Need – Omaha Nation Comprehensive Justice Center Under the BIA 105(l) Lease Program

WHEREAS: The Omaha Tribe of Nebraska is a federally recognized Indian tribe, organized under a constitution and bylaws approved by the Secretary of Interior on April 30, 1936, pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934; and

WHEREAS: pursuant to Article III, Sec.1 of the constitution of the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska, the governing body of the Omaha Tribe shall also be known as Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS: Article IV, Section 1 (j) of the Constitution of the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska provides the Omaha Tribal Council with the power to safeguard and promote the economy and general welfare of the Omaha Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe currently operates an outdated and unsafe BIA adult correctional facility and lacks a juvenile detention facility, creating serious public safety, health, and logistical challenges; and

WHEREAS, in 2024 alone, over 1,000 adult arrests and 237 juvenile placements were recorded, demonstrating a critical need for expanded, culturally appropriate justice services; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe proposes the development of a Comprehensive Omaha Nation Justice Center to include adult and juvenile detention, tribal courts, police, dispatch, and probation services; and

WHEREAS, this facility will address infrastructure gaps while supporting mental health, substance abuse treatment, and culturally grounded rehabilitation; and


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Omaha Tribal Council hereby supports the submission of the Statement of Need to the Bureau of Indian Affairs 105(l) Lease Program for the Omaha Nation Justice Center.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the foregoing resolution was considered at a duly called meeting of the Omaha Tribal Council on the 14 day of April, 2025, and was adopted by a vote of: 4 for; 0 against; 1 abstaining; with the Chairman not voting. A quorum of 5 was present.

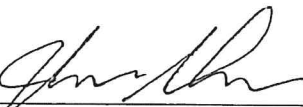
| MEMBERS VOTE: | YES | NO | ABSTAIN |
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| Jason Sheridan | | | Abstain |
| Jerome Hamilton | | | Absent |
| Dustin Lovejoy | X | | |
| Alan Harlan | X | | |
| Leander Merrick | X | | |
| Galen Aldrich Sr | | | Absent |
| Cheyenne Robinson | X | | |

Submitted by:


Cheyenne Robinson, MBA, MLS
Omaha Tribal Council Secretary

4-14-25
Date

Attest:


Jason Sheridan, Chairman
Omaha Tribal Council

4-14-25
Date



Omaha Tribe of Nebraska

OMAHA TRIBAL JUSTICE CENTER



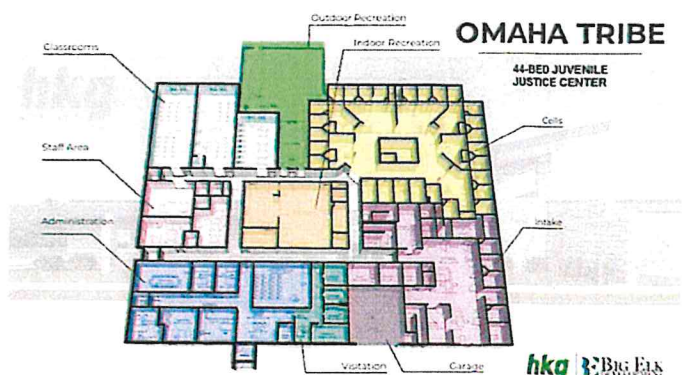
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architectural
Omaha Tribe
54-BED JUSTICE CENTER
MADY, NE
PERSPECTIVE
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44-BED JUVENILE
JUSTICE CENTER
ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

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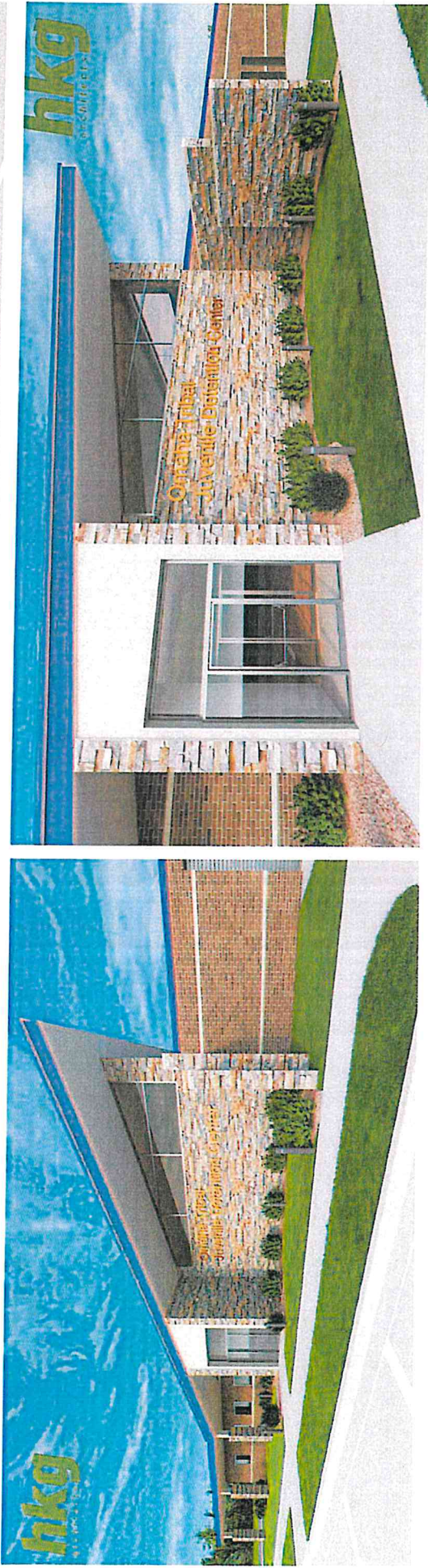
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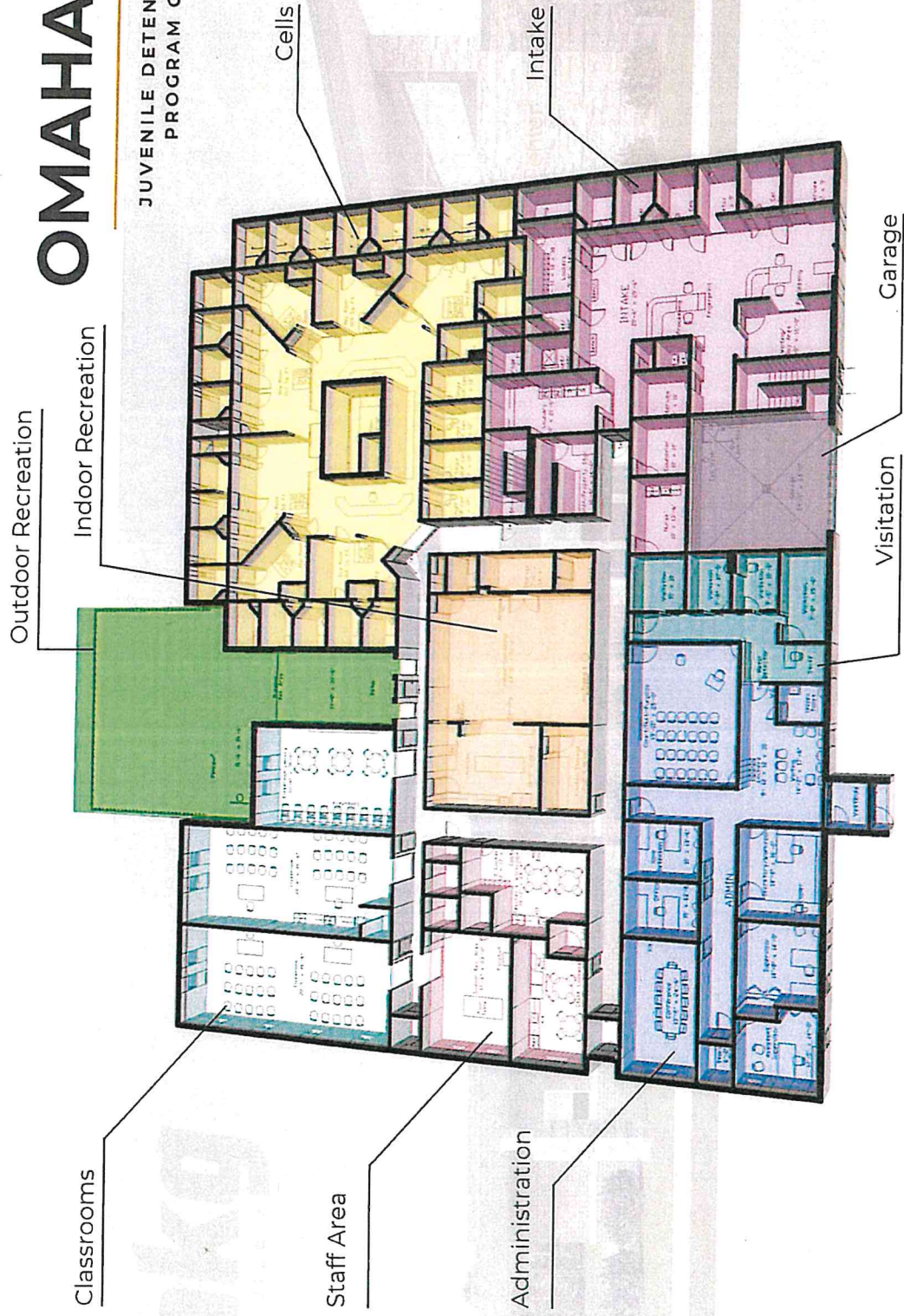
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JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER PROGRAM GRAPHIC



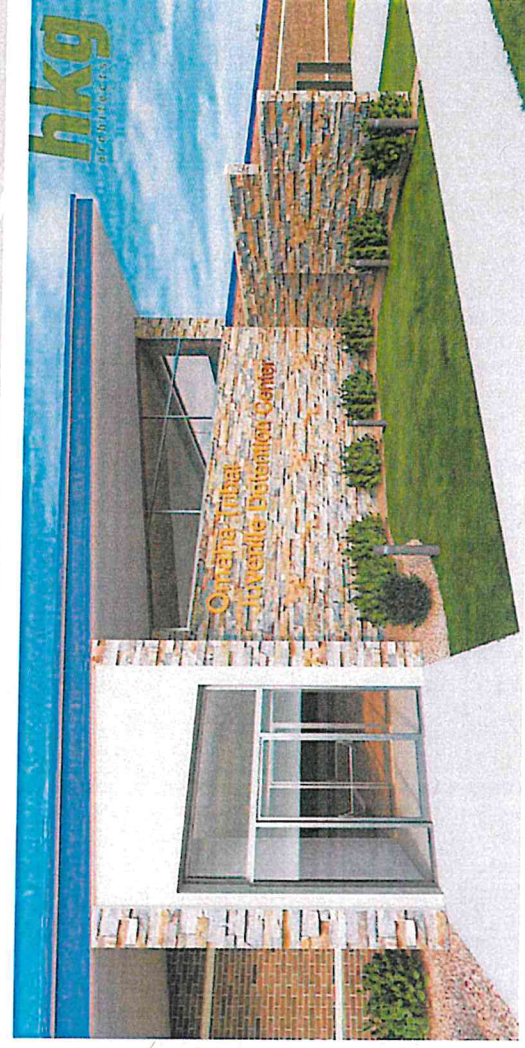
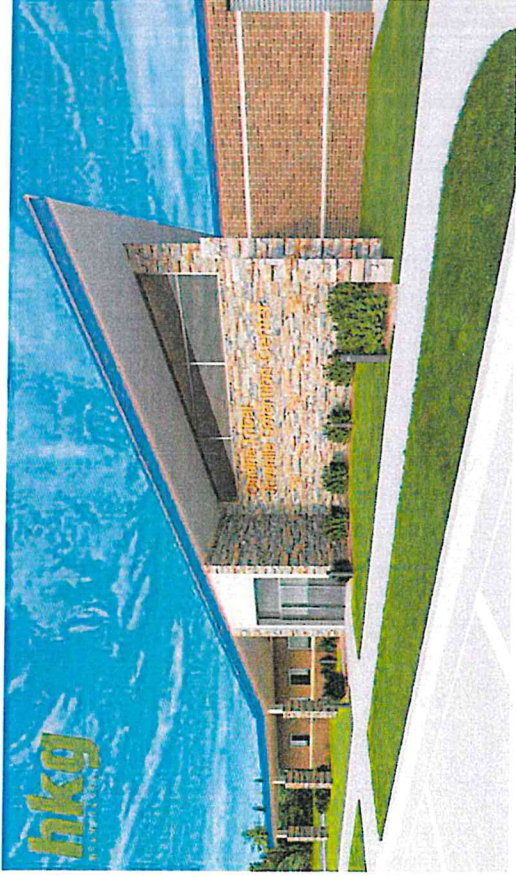
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Omaha Tribe Justice Center
Macy, Nebraska
Estimate of Probable Cost
3/7/2025

44-Bed Juvenile Justice Center

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| First Floor Plan | 23,530 sq. ft. |
| Mechanical/ Storage | 1,642 sq. ft. |
| Total Square Footage | 25,172 sq. ft. |
| General Construction | 17,241,000 |
| Fire Suppression | 276,000 |
| Plumbing | 1,986,000 |
| HVAC | 1,578,000 |
| Electrical | 1,668,000 |
| Total | 22,749,000 |
| Contingency | \$700,000 |
| Soil & Concrete Testing, Misc. | \$75,000 |
| TERO Fees | \$1,380,000 |
| Architectural, Structural, Mechanical, Electrical, & Civile Engineering Fees | \$1,950,000 |
| Total | \$4,105,000 |
| Juvenile Justice Center Project Cost | \$26,854,000 |

54-Bed Adult Justice Center

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| First Floor Plan | 14,110 sq. ft. |
| Mechanical/ Storage | 1,642 sq. ft. |
| Sally Port | 767 sq. ft. |
| Total Square Footage | 16,519 sq. ft. |
| General Construction | \$11,016,000 |
| Fire Suppression | \$180,000 |
| Plumbing | \$1,280,000 |
| HVAC | \$1,020,000 |
| Electrical | \$1,080,000 |
| Total | \$14,576,000 |
| Contingency | \$500,000 |
| Soil & Concrete Testing, Misc. | \$50,000 |
| TERO Fee | \$900,000 |
| Architectural, Structural, Mechanical, Electrical, & Civile Engineering Fees | \$1,240,000 |
| Total | \$2,690,000 |
| Adult Justice Center Project Cost | \$17,266,000 |

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| Omaha Tribal Justice Center Total Project Cost | \$44,120,000 |
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Statement of Need: Comprehensive Omaha Nation Justice Center
Bureau of Indian Affairs
105 (l) Lease Program
Date: 04/14/2025

Tribal Overview

The Omaha Tribe's reservation was established through the Treaty of 1854. The Tribe is a land-based, covering 198,400 acres and is home to over 7,100 tribal citizens. The reservation shares borders with Nebraska and Iowa. In addition to operating a tribal government, the Tribe also manages a 638-health care facility, including mental and behavioral health services, a substance use treatment program, and was a leader among tribes in cross deputization efforts.

Public Safety

The Omaha Tribe is deeply committed to maintaining public safety for its citizens. The Tribe has identified a critical need to address issues such as drug and human trafficking while ensuring the safety and well-being of its people. A cornerstone of this effort is the establishment of the Omaha Nation Justice Center—a facility designed to provide holistic, culturally informed justice services that meet the Tribe's unique needs.

Current Facilities

Currently, the Tribe's correctional facility is an outdated BIA building, which is inadequate for modern needs. The existing facility is dilapidated, unsafe, and ill-equipped to manage the increasing demand, including individuals with substance use disorders, mental health issues, and the growing fentanyl crisis.

The air conditioning system has been in disrepair for over a decade. In 2024, this led to the transfer of inmates to surrounding areas, including the Rosebud Sioux Tribe Adult Corrections Facility in Mission, SD (275 miles away), Lower Brule Correctional Facility in Lower Brule, SD (285 miles away), and Thurston County Correctional Facility in Pender, NE (22 miles away). These transfers not only create logistical and financial burdens but also highlight the immediate need for a modernized facility.

Adult Correction Facility

In 2024, there was a total of 604 males and 457 female arrests, bringing the annual total to 1,061 adult arrests on a reservation with less than 4,000 tribal citizens residing on reservation. In the first two months of 2025, there were 124 total adult arrests.

In 2024 the following data was reported to the BIA Superintendent in our regional office in Aberdeen, South Dakota:

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|---------------------------------|----|
| Accidental Fatal | 2 |
| Accidental Injury | 2 |
| Accident Non-Injury | 23 |
| Arson | 3 |
| Assault | 58 |
| Assist Other Agency | 24 |
| Burglary Residence | 5 |
| Child Abuse | 5 |
| Child Endangerment | 2 |
| Criminal Mischief | 26 |
| Disorderly Conduct | 51 |
| Disturbance Domestic | 19 |
| Domestic Abuse | 23 |
| DUI | 44 |
| Homicide | 1 |
| Narcotics Violation Infraction | 1 |
| Narcotics Violation Misdemeanor | 9 |
| Sexual Assault | 9 |
| Simple Assault | 14 |
| Theft Felony | 1 |
| Theft Misdemeanor | 18 |
| Theft Vehicle | 16 |

Juvenile Detention Facility

A significant and pressing issue is the lack of a dedicated juvenile detention facility. Currently, juveniles must be sent to facilities in Sioux City, Iowa (31 miles away), Cherokee, Iowa (60 miles away), or Eldora, Iowa (180 miles away). These distances create logistical challenges for families and legal representatives, disrupt the support systems vital to rehabilitation, and strain the Tribe's ability to oversee the care and development of its youth.

In 2024 alone, 175 juvenile males and 62 juvenile females were placed in secure facilities outside the community, and this pressing need has continued into 2025, with 35 juvenile males and 10 juvenile females requiring placement in the first two months of the year. These figures highlight the urgent demand for local, age-appropriate, and culturally relevant detention services that prioritize rehabilitation and family connections. Only the most violent juvenile offenders are arrested and sent to a juvenile facility. A juvenile facility on our reservation would serve as a regional hub and

ensure that proper prevention and intervention efforts could begin before juveniles' progress to more violent behaviors.

We are proposing a 44-bed juvenile detention facility with over 23, 500 square feet for a cost of \$26,854,000, which would serve as a regional juvenile detention facility that the other three tribes that share a boundary with the state of Nebraska could contract to utilize. The facility could also serve Tribal citizens that are juvenile offenders in urban areas such as Omaha, NE and Sioux City, Iowa. We have included a letter of support from the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska for this project.

Looking Forward

This justice center will move beyond addressing infrastructure deficiencies; it will integrate culturally rooted practices, mental health services, and substance use treatment to foster healing and reduce recidivism. It represents a transformative approach to justice, reflecting the Omaha Tribe's commitment to its citizens and its sovereignty. By addressing current challenges with a holistic and future-oriented vision, the center will provide a safer, healthier, and more resilient community for generations to come.

The envisioned Omaha Nation Justice Center will include:

- **Tribal Courts**
- **Juvenile and Adult Detention Facilities**
- **Probation Services**
- **Tribal Police**
- **Dispatch Services**

Attachments for 105 (l) Lease Statement of Need

Attachment A: Omaha Tribe Justice Center HKG Budget

Attachment B: HKG Architectural Renderings Juvenile Facility

Attachment C: 2024-2025 ONC INFO

Attachment D: 2024-2025 INMATE INFO

Attachment E: Tribal Justice One Pager Architectural Rendering

Attachment F: Letter of Support Ponca Tribe of Nebraska