

# **Santa Rosa County Clerk of Court Don Spencer provides Statistical figures on the Santa Rosa County Courthouse.**

Santa Rosa County Clerk of Court, Don Spencer is providing this information so the Citizens of Santa Rosa County will be aware of how the current Courthouse is being used. This will help the Citizens of Santa Rosa County make an informed decision in November when they decide to approve or disapprove a 5 year one cent sales tax to pay for the new Judicial Center.

In 16 months (April 2013-July 2014) **161,934** citizens have used the Santa Rosa County Courthouse. **157,790** individuals came through the front door of the Courthouse. **4,144** were transports from the Sheriff's Office. These totals do not include employees that work at the Courthouse. The figures reflect that over 16 months **97.44%** of the individuals that have used the Courthouse came through the front door. The other **2.56%** were transports from the Santa Rosa County Jail. The main users of the Courthouse are the General Public not the Sheriff's Office. The courts currently have video arraignments and video first appearances with the inmates appearing on video from the county jail. The Sheriff's Office biggest transport days are docket days. During the life of the new Judicial Center docket day transports will go away and the courts will have video dockets with the inmates appearing on video from the jail. In the near future the only time the Sheriff's Office will have to transport inmates will be for jury selection, jury trials and special appearances. This will reduce the percentage of use in transports from the Sheriff's Office to less than **2.5%**.

The total number of employees currently at the Courthouse:

Court Administration	<b>28</b>	Includes Judges and J.A.'s
Court Security	<b>14</b>	presently 4 vacancies
Maintenance	<b>4</b>	
Clerk Employees	<b><u>65</u></b>	
Total	<b><u>111</u></b>	

The new Judicial Center will include the **Clerk of Court, State Attorney, Public Defender, Guardian Ad-Litem, Court Administration, Court Security and Maintenance employees** which will be approximately **266** employees in the new Judicial Center.

**Clerk of Court Don Spencer** said "This is a very important decision that will be made by our Citizens of Santa Rosa County. The more informed our Citizens are on this issue the better they will be when making their decision when they are at the polls in November 2014"