



Faribault County Courthouse, Jail, and Ag Center



Vertical Market: Corporate, Corrections, Government

Applications: Access Control, Video Surveillance

Equipment Manufacturers: Axis Communications, Genetec



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Blue Earth, MN

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Security personnel in Faribault County are ready to replace the aging CCTV system at the Faribault County Courthouse, the Faribault County Jail and the Faribault County Ag Administration Center in Blue Earth, MN. The bid calls for an upgrade to newer IP technology. In addition to converting the analog system, the county wants surveillance, access control and mapping functions integrated and reporting to each other. American Integrated Security Group wins the bid to work in conjunction with the County Engineer's specs for the security expansion and improvement at all the facilities.

Project Summary

The Faribault County Courthouse in Blue Earth, MN, dates back to 1882 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Much of the Courthouse building is original construction, with a clay style roof and stone and red brick exterior. Inside, the building has golden oak wood, etched and stained glass and a spiral staircase that takes you to the most prominent feature, a seven-story corner tower. The Faribault County Jail is some 60 feet north of the Courthouse and is a maximum security facility. Also part of the upgrade is the adjacent AG Center county office complex. Various office moves and antiquated cameras make it necessary for a complete security overhaul. AISG designs a system that replaces the analog cameras with IP and includes additional high resolution cameras, as well as integrated access control, keeping in mind the decor of the courthouse, the high level of security needed in the jail and the safety of county personnel.

System Design

With an aging camera system for surveillance and new offices being occupied come added

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concerns for safety and security. Coordinating the project and security upgrades is Dawn Fellows, Faribault County, Central Service Director. Under her direction, the Faribault County License Bureau, Veteran's Services, Extension and other county offices move from the Faribault County Courthouse annex to their new location in the Ag Center. The County Attorney's office is now in the former jail building.

The initial part of the installation entails pulling Cat 5 cable to all the locations where there are existing cameras and to additional areas where cameras are being added. The bulk of the work is at the jail. Since the inmates in this detention center range from low level offenders to those being held for violent crimes, the security level needs to be as high as a maximum security prison.

Over thirty access control readers are installed throughout the courthouse, jail and AG center, programmed with multiple access levels. The credentials used are HID key fobs and Zebra direct thermal wristbands which are printed on a Zebra wristband printer. More than 130 high resolution Axis Communications IP cameras are installed. Some of the new security includes the use of Genetec for both access control and IP video management integrated with the Axis Communications IP video cameras. More camera coverage

is needed for the jail than what was previously there and since it is a correctional facility, the cameras cannot move. All the Axis Communications cameras in the jail are fixed; outside, AISG installs Axis Communications p/t/z versions.

Individuals being held in the Faribault County Jail are either awaiting trial or have been sentenced in the Faribault County Court System to a period of one year or less. Special attention is given to the holding area within the Courthouse where prisoners are transported back and forth from the jail. Another specific requirement for AISG is to integrate the existing Accurate Controls Inc. mapping system with the Genetec access control and video surveillance to track any type of movement. When movement is detected on a camera, an alert pops up on the screen and pinpoints the movement on the map and on the camera itself.

Personnel is very satisfied with the new technology AISG provides and the fact that the project came in under budget. Guards can now utilize remote capabilities on mobile devices; and in addition, from one central location, with a touch of the computer, system operators have total control of access, duress alarms, perimeter detection, video surveillance and more. Time and money are saved and security is improved.