

# Augusta County Courthouse Projects Updates for the Referendum

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# Overview

## Timeline towards the Referendum

**August 12:** Chief Judge signed an order for the Writ of Election, placing the Courthouse referendum on the ballot.

**August 9:** Judge Melesco entered a consent order acknowledging that the schematic plans for both projects would provide adequate court facilities

**June 17:** Finalized space assessment was submitted to the Commonwealth for review per Consent Order

# Courthouse Project in Verona









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Total Cost Estimate for courts facility in Verona:

**\$80,026,447**

Total square footage:

**122,269 SF**

# Courthouse Project in Staunton









# Courthouse Project in Staunton

Total Cost Estimate for courts facility in Staunton and temporary court in Verona:

**\$103,855,525**

Total square footage:

**110,983 SF**  
**plus 18,555 SF sally port**

# Cost Differences

<b>Verona</b>	<b>Staunton</b>
Only demolition is open bays at the maintenance shop	Requires demolition of existing building
122,289 SF building	110,983 (building) + 18,555 (sallyport) = 129,538 SF
No floodplain	Building in floodplain
Open space area that allows for expansion	Building in confined area
Moving once	Moving twice
Includes road to connect to regional jail	No direct connection to the regional jail
Does not require temporary facility	Requires temporary facility

# Referendum Language

*Under Virginia law, Augusta County must provide an adequate court facility for the Augusta County Courts. To accomplish that purpose:*

***Shall the county courthouse be relocated to Augusta County at a cost of \$80,026,447?***

***Shall the county courthouse remain in the City of Staunton at a cost of \$103,855,525?***

# Referendum Engagement Hub

**[www.AugustaCountyVA.gov/referendum](http://www.AugustaCountyVA.gov/referendum)**



Courthouse Historical Information about Former Projects

**[www.AugustaCountyVA.gov/courthouse](http://www.AugustaCountyVA.gov/courthouse)**

# Please VOTE!

Deadline to register to vote:

**October 17, 2022**

Election Day:

**November 8, 2022**