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Warren County Board Responds to State Funding Announcement for New Jail Project

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Monmouth, Illinois — The Warren County Board is pleased to acknowledge the announcement from State Senator Michael Halpin regarding the inclusion of a \$500,000 appropriation for Warren County in the State of Illinois FY2027 budget to assist with infrastructure improvements associated with the construction of a new county jail. According to Senator Halpin's letter, the appropriation is subject to additional state approvals before the funds can be released.

The Warren County Board appreciates Senator Halpin's efforts in advocating for this funding on behalf of the residents of Warren County. Every dollar of outside funding secured for this project helps reduce the financial burden on local taxpayers while supporting one of the county's most significant public safety initiatives.

"Investments in local public safety projects are essential. These funds will be put to good use, and I'm glad to have been a part of ensuring that our county law enforcement officers and support staff have a safe and secure working environment. All of Warren County will benefit from this improved efficiency in the administration of justice," said State Senator Michael Halpin.

"This appropriation reflects the importance of investing in public safety infrastructure," said Warren County Board Chair Michael Pearson. "We appreciate Senator Halpin's work in helping secure these funds and look forward to working with his office and the appropriate state agencies as the approval process moves forward."

The proposed appropriation is intended to assist with infrastructure improvements related to the new facility and represents another step forward in the county's efforts to provide a modern, safe, and secure correctional facility that better serves law enforcement personnel, correctional staff, incarcerated residents, and the public.

Because the appropriation must still complete several administrative and agency approval steps before funds are distributed, the County Board will continue working closely with state officials throughout the process.

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