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Warren County Courthouse Painting Completed Ahead of Schedule

(BELVIDERE, NJ – November 1, 2016) – Exterior renovations to the Warren County Courthouse wrapped up seven weeks ahead of schedule and within the budget, county officials announced today.

“This follows Warren County’s commitment to complete projects on time and under cost,” said Freeholder Director Jason J. Sarnoski. The strict oversight and hard work of the county Public Works Department and its Division of Buildings and Grounds made the successful outcome possible, Sarnoski said.



Exterior renovations, including lead paint stabilization and repainting, have been completed at the Warren County Courthouse in Belvidere.

Starting in September, portions of the exterior of the historic Courthouse were wrapped in plastic as the lead paint stabilization and repainting was performed by Jupiter Environmental Services, Inc. of Pine Brook, NJ. All exterior trim now has a fresh coat of white paint, from the cupola that rises above Garret D. Wall Park – the county-owned square

surrounded by Victorian-era homes – to the base of the 42-foot-tall columns that grace the front of the building.

The project cost a total of \$369,040 including an Oct. 26 change order – still keeping within the overall budget – approved when county officials concluded that the work was going so well, painting of two fire escapes could be added.

Moreover, the county replaced about 70 feet of a 19th Century sewer line leading from the Courthouse to the town’s sewer system. Public Works Director Alex Lazorisak said the work was done in-house for about \$10,000 resulting in a savings of more than \$50,000 from what it would have cost had the county gone out to bid for the project.

Lazorisak said the county is the process of getting design and bid specifications ready to replace the Courthouse roof next year, and to repair the clock and bell mechanisms in the cupola next year.

Last month, the Surrogate's Office moved from its location in a corner of the Courthouse to a county-owned building at 323 Front Street, Belvidere. The former bank was most recently used by the Prosecutor's Office before that agency consolidated several locations into the refurbished Courthouse Annex – the former county library headquarters – across Hardwick Street from the Courthouse 14 months ago.

The surrogate's former location will have court-related offices moved there to help ease the space crunch in the building. The original section of the Courthouse was Warren County's first construction project after separating from Sussex County in 1825, and it has been renovated several times over the past 190 years, with a major expansion including a two-story addition dedicated in October 1961 and other interior work completed in the past several years.



The Courthouse wrapped in plastic during recent lead paint stabilization and repainting.



Before: June 2013



After: November 2016