

# Luzerne County Division of Corrections

Relocation of Operations vs Rehabilitation of Current Facility

# Operational Questions to be answered

- Courts – Impact on Daily Operations ?
- Hearings – Video Hearings – In-Person Hearings – On-site or at Courthouse ?
- Courtroom constructed at Correctional Facility - Costs ?
- Transportation of Court Staff to Correctional Facility ?
- Level of I.T. support needed for increased Video Hearings ?
- Impacts to District Attorney's Office / Public Defender's Office ?

# Operational Questions continued -

- Sheriff's Department –
- Transportation of Inmates for Hearings?
- Security of Inmates awaiting appearance in Courtroom ?
- Holding Facility at Courthouse for Inmates awaiting trial ?
- Impact on Sheriff's Budget pertaining to personnel costs ?
- Transport vehicle requirements (Bus) issues ?

# Operational Questions continued -

- Professional Visitor Issues –
- Law Enforcement Agencies – Transport Issues ?
- Emergency Services Response Times ?
- Public Visitation Issues ?
- Release of Inmates at a remote location (transportation issues)
- Public Transportation Issues ?

# Facility – Questions to be answered

- Structural and Mechanical evaluation of both facilities ?
- Cost Analysis of required repairs to Retreat ?
- Cost Analysis of required expansion to current facility ?
- Cost Analysis of Operational Costs for both facilities ?
- Staffing Survey for Retreat ?
- Long Term Cost Exposures for Both Facilities ?
- Ability for Expansion of Operations ?

# Additional Questions to be answered

- Impact on current workforce ?
- Ability to adapt to future population/ crime increase ?
- Availability of funding for either project ?
- Ability to generate revenue to off-set operations ?
- Impact to the general public ?

# Concerns

- The facility currently utilized by the Luzerne County Division of Corrections is not adequate to fully support its current operations or any future demands placed upon it by the continued growth of the County.
- There are many antiquated design flaws which create security and safety issues, and add to operational staffing costs.
- The current location provides limited expansion opportunities and is located in a residential area which creates added risk exposures.