



PUTNAM COUNTY

JAIL FACILITY



Overcrowding and poor inmate housing conditions in the Putnam County Jail necessitated an expansion of the jail’s capacity to meet current and future needs.

PROJECT APPROACH

- Comprehensive study to investigate options for renovating existing housing pods and adding a new pod, or for constructing two new housing pods.
- Final construction of two new 228 bed, 29,000 square-foot housing pods for a total of 456 beds and 58,000 total s.f.
- Additional new construction of 5,600 s.f. Medical/Program Building and a kitchen addition of 1,000 s.f. for freezer, cooler and dry food storage.
- Housing pods of prefabricated modular steel cells, pre-engineered metal buildings, elevated control rooms, and double-envelope design.
- Modular steel cells in 2- and 4-person capacities.
- Entire 228-bed housing and indoor-outdoor recreational area monitored from single elevated control room.
- Hurricane wind-resistant structure.

RESULT

- New design enabled jail to double general population capacity with only a minor increase in staffing levels.
- State-of-the-art facility with the latest technology at an incremental additional operational cost for the County.
- Jail operational efficiencies allowed Putnam County to finance the project without a tax increase through a low-interest USDA Rural Development loan.

CLIENT

Putnam County Commissioners
Palatka, Florida

PROJECT ROLES

Principal in Charge,
Architect of Record, and
Lead Designer (as RQAW
team member)

PROJECT TEAM

RQAW Corporation

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Capacity doubled with minimal staffing increase; operational efficiencies; low-interest financing through U.S.D.A. Rural Development.