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## The Manitowoc County Courthouse An Ever-Evolving Building

The Manitowoc County Courthouse is the County Seat and the focal point of the City of Manitowoc. In many ways its dome is the civic image of Manitowoc County Government.

During the past 115+ years, changing and growing space and technology needs have presented the need for continued remodeling and restoration projects.

As stewards of this iconic building, prior and current County Boards and County employees have had the wherewithal to maintain the building and remodel or renovate as needed.

Below is a list of major capital projects\* accomplished at the Courthouse since its inception in 1906.\*\*

- 1936 - The interior of the Rotunda was painted
- 1939 - The exterior steps were replaced during a federally-funded WPA project
- 1950 - Rebuilding & repair the glass dome with stainless steel. The original glass dome was damaged in a devastating wind and hail storm that swept through the County and entire upper Midwest.
- 1952 - The interior Rotunda was repainted
- 1959 - Remodeling of the north courtroom
- 1969 - Replacement of the original automatic passenger elevator
- 1970 - Additional remodeling of the north courtroom
- 1971 - The exterior steps were replaced
- 1972 - The sloped roof was replaced utilizing a rubber membrane over the existing copper-sheeted roof
- 1972 - Alterations to several office suites
- 1974 - The old First Reformed Church, located in what now is the Courthouse parking lot, was torn down to provide additional parking space.
- 1975 - A fire escape was added to the northwest side of the building
- 1978 - Exterior windows were replaced
- 1980 - The rotunda was remodeled, including the inner dome and restoration of murals and scrollwork
- 1981 - A major remodeling project took place that created a new east courtroom, law library, court offices, public lounge areas, relocation of several offices, and replacement of the steam heating system.

- 1981 - The Courthouse was listed on the National Register of Historic Places by the U.S. Dept. of the Interior
- 1984 - A south grade-level access was constructed with a chair lift for accessibility.
- 1991 - Basement remodeling to accommodate the Child Support Offices and B-15 hearing room
- 1999 - Installation of the District Heating System to replace the boilers
- 2002 - The water main to the Courthouse was replaced
- 2003 - Suspended ceilings in the Clerk of Courts and Treasurer's offices were replaced and new lighting installed
- 2004 - The low-sloped roof was repaired and the interior murals cleaned
- 2004 - Remodeling of the District Attorney's office suite
- 2004 - Extensive data cabling completed throughout the building
- 2004 - Replacement of building air conditioning system
- 2005 - Replacement of the south courtroom air conditioning system
- 2005 - 2006 - Replacement of the exterior wooden doors
- 2006 - Update Jury Room restrooms
- 2007 - Remodeling of the Information Systems offices and data center
- 2008 - Additional low-sloped roof repairs
- 2008 - Upgrade Rotunda lighting
- 2009 - Exterior stair replacement and installation of ADA-accessible ramp
- 2009 - Low-slope roof replacement
- 2009 - Roof - Balustrade level copper cladding and new railing
- 2011 - Rotunda painting repairs
- 2011 - Demolition of the Courthouse Annex and courthouse parking lot asphalt work
- 2013 - Expansion and remodeling of Corporation Counsel Offices
- 2013 - North Courtroom, add Judge's security entrance
- 2016 - Intake Courtroom (B-15) Remodel
- 2017 - Basement toilet room remodeling
- 2019 - Expansion of the District Attorney's office suite
- 2019 - Remodeling and relocation of the Family Court Commissioner's office suite
- 2020 - Add security entrance to Reg. of Deeds office suite
- 2021 - Passenger Elevator Modernization
- 2021 - Upgrade Fire Alarm panel
- 2022 - Replacement of building air conditioning system
- 2022 - ADA accessible Restroom Renovations 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors
- 2022 - Renovation and Relocation of Reg. in Probate Office suite
- 2022 - Renovation and Relocation of Child Support Office suite
- 2023 - Renovation of the south basement level to create the Branch IV Courtroom, judicial offices, and support offices.

*\*Capital projects are those that are of high dollar value with a projected life-cycle of at least 10 years. Capital projects such as carpet replacement that technically fit this description are not included in the list.*

*\*\* This list is not all-inclusive as there may have been additional projects that are not accounted for or there are no detailed records available.*