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**Re: Museum, request for pieces from 1921 jail**

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**Subject :** Re: Museum, request for pieces from 1921 jail  
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The only thing I recall is that we cannot destroy a courthouse that is so many years old. I don't know about a jail. I recommended that Ms. Monica create an agenda item to request the surplus of the items in the pics for the purpose of historical preservation at the museum.  
Marty

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**From:** "scrain" <scrain@atlashall.com>  
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**Sent:** Friday, August 24, 2018 3:14:59 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Museum, request for pieces from 1921 jail

I am not a historical expert. Do they have any historical value? If not then they should be declared surplus.

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**Subject:** Fwd: Museum, request for pieces from 1921 jail

Counselor:

Please review original e-mail from Museum of So.Tx. History for pieces from the former County Jail due for demolition any day now. I think they do need to be declared surplus pieces from the original structure or what say you? Let me know, before the wrecking ball starts to swing.

Thanks,  
Marty S.

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**From:** "Monica Salinas" <[monica.salinas@co.hidalgo.tx.us](mailto:monica.salinas@co.hidalgo.tx.us)>  
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**Sent:** Friday, August 24, 2018 2:21:51 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Museum, request for pieces from 1921 jail

Hi Marty,

We want to donate this museum..do we need to declare surplus (old jail items).?  
Please advise.

See email below.

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**Subject:** Fwd: Museum, request for pieces from 1921 jail

Was an agenda item placed on Commissioners Court dealing with the gifting the requested items?

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**Sent:** Tuesday, August 7, 2018 2:55:57 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Museum, request for pieces from 1921 jail

Mr. Flores,

Please work with Ms. Salinas for court action.

Respectfully,

Valde Guerra  
CEO

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**Sent:** Friday, August 3, 2018 4:41:51 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Museum, request for pieces from 1921 jail

Mr. Guerra,  
Mr. Tomas Fort on behalf of the Museum of South Texas has requested the below items.

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**From:** "Thomas Fort" <[tfort@mosthistory.org](mailto:tfort@mosthistory.org)>  
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**Sent:** Friday, August 3, 2018 4:21:06 PM

**Subject:** Museum, request for pieces from 1921 jail

To: Daniel Flores, Building Maintenance Manager, Hidalgo County Buildings and Grounds  
From: Tom A. Fort, Museum of South Texas History

Daniel:

Thanks again, very much, for taking the time to come over to the 1921 jail with Larry Ortiz, this afternoon. Our architect for the 1910 Jail restoration project, Chris Hutson of Hutson-Gallagher AIA in Austin, along with Pilo Garcia of D. Wilson Construction, foreman of the 1910 Jail project, both were most interested in seeing the building, as were Shan Rankin, Lynne Beeching, and myself of the museum.

The museum would like to obtain several items from the building, with the County's permission. Per our conversation, I'm attaching photos of the specific items. The items are:

\_\_ Old east door and frame, steel, with a hinged security-window cover; this appears to be original to the building. Pilo Garcia tells me that DWC can remove the door frame and door.

\_\_ Bars unit in the west addition, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, around the stair-well. This bar unit appears to be in panels which could be separated. The museum would like to have 2 of the panels, or roughly 8 running feet. Pilo said that his men could unbolt 2 of these panels and remove them from the building; or, if the bolts are too stubborn, the panels could be cut loose with a torch.

\_\_ 2 of the old wooden 5-panel interior doors; these are on the first floor; removal should not be a problem. (I forgot to get a photo of these.)

\_\_ Cornerstone, in the building's front façade, west end, partly obscured by the west addition; if the County has no plans to re-use this object, the museum would like to preserve it for eventual display. This item would probably have to be salvaged during the building's demolition.

\_\_ Metal plaque for the building's renovation as the Hidalgo County Restitution Center, 1985. Again, if the County doesn't plan to re-use this item, the museum would preserve it as a part of corrections history. I'm not sure how this plaque is secured to the exterior wall; DWC probably could remove it, or it might be salvaged during demolition.

That's the list.

Thank you for your offer to ask about these on the museum's behalf.

Tom

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