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## A Building for a Growing Community: Crook County Justice Center Recognized with DJC Top Projects Award

**Prineville, Ore.** — Crook County is proud to announce that the Crook County Justice Center, constructed by Kirby Nagelhout Construction Company and designed by Pinnacle Architecture and KMB Architects, has been recognized with a prestigious DJC (Daily Journal of Commerce) Top Projects Award, one of Oregon's highest honors for construction and development excellence. The project will formally receive the award at the DJC's award ceremony on June 12<sup>th</sup> at the Oregon Convention Center.

The DJC Top Projects is the premier recognition program for the built environment in the Pacific Northwest, honoring the region's most outstanding building and infrastructure projects. The Crook County Justice Center selection highlights not only exceptional craftsmanship and project execution, but also the significance of the Crook County Justice Center as a long-term investment in public safety, accessibility, and community resilience.

With Crook County's population and economic metrics rising to the top of national rankings—#1 in job and income growth (U.S. Census Bureau), #4 Best Performing Cities (Milken Institute, 2025), and #8 Most Dynamic Metros (Heartland Forward, 2024)—the need for modern infrastructure has never been greater. The new Justice Center is a direct response to that growth, ensuring that the County can continue delivering efficient and fair judicial services well into the future.

The 68,850-square-foot facility replaces the historic 1909 courthouse and addresses long-standing space, safety, and accessibility limitations. Located in the heart of downtown Prineville between NW 2nd Street, NW 1st Street, Claypool Street, and Beaver Street, the three-story building consolidates multiple justice functions into a single, secure, and efficient location.

"This award validates years of planning and collaboration between Crook County, Kirby Nagelhout, and community stakeholders," said County Commissioner Brian Barney. "The Justice Center not only reflects our commitment to public safety and service—it reflects the strength and growth of our community."

As Crook County continues to lead the nation in growth and opportunity, the new Justice Center stands as a cornerstone of safety, fairness, and function for generations to come.

For more information: <https://djcoregon.com/event/top-projects/>

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