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\$2.6 Million to Expand Existing Detention Center

COTTONWOOD FALLS - Congressman Jerry Moran today announced that the Chase County Detention Center has been approved for a \$2.6 million loan to expand local law enforcement and emergency facilities. The funding was issued through the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Offices.

"This expansion will improve the Chase County economy by creating new jobs and improving local facilities," Moran said. "These changes will continue to protect and ensure the safety of area residents."

The Rural Development funds will be used to double the existing detention center capacity from 70 to 148 beds and expand the laundry and kitchen facilities in the detention center. Funds will also be utilized to construct an ambulance facility and expand the law enforcement space. Ten new jobs will be created through these projects.

"Our detention center has been overcapacity, and our ambulance facility is not in very good shape," said Jail Administrator Jay Whitney. "This loan program will allow us to improve these and have all of our facilities in one location."

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