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## County officials mull priorities for old courthouse

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The gist of the planned renovations at the Old County Courthouse is settled, but details have yet to be hammered out.

Taos County Manager Stephen Archuleta told *The Taos News* Tuesday (July 28) it seems the envelope of the building will be the first order of business once renovations commence, likely next spring.

“[The commissioners] want to get the roof and the outside windows fixed up and cleaned up,” he said.

Installing an elevator and restrooms compliant with the American with Disabilities Act — which Archuleta said he was “almost sure they are going to happen” — would come next.

But it is not yet established where an elevator and restrooms would be placed in the historic building. And other aspects of the renovations, such as reconfigured retail space and alleyways, will be part of an emerging conversation, Archuleta said.

“Those questions need to be answered,” he said, adding the county will host another public forum on the renovations. A public work study session was held July 22, during which no action was taken but commissioners and citizens toured the facility.

Scheduling is another unknown at this point, he said. The commission and project managers will have to figure out how to balance getting the work done in a timely manner while also maximizing the public’s opportunity to tour and use the space.

The approximately \$500,000 for the renovations were made available through a refinanced loan on the Taos County- owned Juan I. Gonzales Agricultural Center.