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Government Center expansion prompts review: Commissioners to consider changes to make system more efficient

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Oct. 6--NEWTON -- A planned expansion of the Government Center in Newton will likely bring about changes to make the whole system more efficient.

The Catawba County Board of Commissioners today will consider changes recommended by **TechSolve**, a local government consulting firm.

Those changes include ways of maximizing the existing courtrooms in the Newton and Hickory courthouses, deciding on how technology may improve the system and safe alternatives to incarceration to help reduce the jail population.

The report will be presented as part of County Manager Tom Lundy's report toward the end of the board's meeting.

The board also will discuss allocating insurance money to buying two replacement vehicles for the Catawba County Sheriff's Office. The replacement cost is estimated at more than \$40,000.

One car was damaged in an accident April 11. The other vehicle rolled into Lake Hickory when it was left unattended May 27.

The board also will consider a grant available through the Help America to Vote Act, signed by President George W. Bush in October 2002. The grant, in the amount of \$23,600, will support one-stop voting operations and additional needed voting equipment.

The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Robert E. Hibbitts Meeting Room in the 1924 Courthouse in Newton.

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