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The Friends of the Madison County Courthouse were awarded a \$50,000 Historic Resource Development Program (HRDP) grant from the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs in July, 2020. The group also received \$10,600 in 2020 from the Greater Madison County Community Foundation.

Help Us Meet the Challenge

In addition, the Jeffris Family Foundation (www.jeffrisfoundation.org/) has provided the community with a challenge: JFF pledges \$330,000 if \$660,000 is raised from donations by June, 2022.

We need your help to meet this challenge.



To contribute, mail your tax deductible contribution to:
MCHPC, P.O. Box 152,

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Click the Legacy in Stone tile; Click
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1846



1875

1877

Second courthouse on square

completed

Fire destroys courthouse on Oct. 2, 1875





1868

Construction on new courthouse begins



... 1955

Cupola replica placed on tower to conceal chimneys

1970

Original wooden windows replaced with aluminum

1975 -

Slate roof replaced with asphalt shingles

·· 1973

Service Ramp installed

1976

Added to National Register of Historic Places



2004 ...

OPN completes concepts for renovation

2010 ..

Madison County Courthouse Preservation Fund established

Phase 2: Interior dome restoration Phase 3: Exterior dome investigation

2014 ...

Phase 5: Gable & roof repair 2008

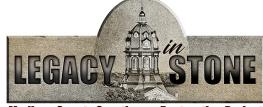
Phase 1: Boiler & mechanical upgrades

2012

Phase 4: Exterior Dome Restoration







Madison County Courthouse Restoration Project

We Protect What We Prize

2020

Why is it important to Restore the Courthouse?

Since 1876 the Madison County Courthouse has fulfilled its purpose as a beautiful public space dedicated to serving the common good through the court system, county government, and as a public meeting space. As an architectural metaphor, the Courthouse is unparalleled. The local limestone from which it was hewn speaks of the strength and endurance of our community. The four classical porticos, which face north, south, east, and west, remind us of the courage, integrity, perseverance, and justice on which pioneers built their dream of a just society.

Restoring the beauty of our Courthouse will pay respect for its contributions to the common good and to the position it retains as a beacon of justice. It will encourage a sense of pride by raising public awareness of the legacy contained within its limestone walls. In addition, it will stand as a shared community achievement because the restoration will be accomplished through public/private partnerships.

Elements of Restoration

Site

Lack of ADA Accessbility

Brick Pavers are in Poor Condition

Exterior Limestone Masonry Walls

Deterioration

Exterior Windows

Wooden Infill Panels and Sealant Joints are Failing
Inefficient Alumnium Windows

Soffit, Sheet Metal Details

Damaged by Weather/Rain Exposure

