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Courthouse Construction In July?

July is the target date for beginning construction of the new courthouse, expected to cost \$1.6 million, Supervisor Lewis Nelson reported yesterday afternoon.

Nelson, co-chairman of the board's building committee with Supervisor Vincent Locatelli, said the preliminary plans for the edifice will come before the supervisors sometime in mid-February.

Although supervisors have not tackled the finanineg problem yet, Nelson stated the members are considering a bond issue.

The new courthouse will allow for expansion of the offices of the treasurer-tax collector, and auditor and assessor, now in cramped quarters in the old courthouse building.

A federal loan of \$32,000 has been granted the county for development of preliminary plans. Handling the project is the San Francisco architectural firm of John Lyon Reid and partners.

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