

# LEE COUNTY



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To Whom It May Concern,

Lee County Council requested state funding through our Legislative Delegation to remodel an existing county building and move the Lee County Office of Veteran's Affairs from its current location at the Lee County Veteran's Museum to a new facility. The total funding requested was \$200,000 and the plan is to update an existing county building's interior, roof and parking lot as part of the relocation.

The current Veteran's Affairs Officer for Lee County, Tia Baldwin, has spoken to both the County Council and members of the Legislative Delegation about concerns related to the current VA Office. The current location is a two-office suite located in the Lee County Veteran's Museum and is adjacent to offices located in the Lee County Cotton Museum. Ms. Baldwin shared concerns regarding the privacy of individuals visiting the VA Office as the walls are rather thin and she was worried private information could be overheard by individuals other than VA Office Staff.

The new building is a stand-alone facility located one block off Main Street in Bishopville and has a private parking area. The County will plan to renovate the interior offices, with input from Ms. Baldwin as to her preferences, as well as replace the existing roof and upgrade the parking area from its current gravel surface to a paved parking area. These upgrades will create an attractive office for the VA Officer and staff to serve the Veterans of Lee County.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and County Council looks forward to moving ahead with the project as expeditiously as possible.

Sincerely,

Alan Watkins  
Lee County Administrator

Cc: Will Wheeler- SC House of Representatives- District 50  
Travis Windham- Chairman- Lee County Council