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Johnson County to break ground on \$60 million jail project

Johnson County will break ground today on a \$60 million project that may give it the largest county jail system in Kansas.

By adding 554 beds to its jail near Gardner, Johnson County will have 1,088 beds — enough to edge out Sedgwick County by 20 beds, sheriff's spokesman Tom Erickson said Wednesday. The new beds are to open in April 2009.

The county may not hold the lead for long, because Sedgwick County is moving forward with its own expansion.

The ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. at the Fred Allenbrand Criminal Justice Complex, 27747 W. 159th St.

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