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## Government center opens to public

By Warren Lutz

FAIRFIELD - Like many working Americans, Bernadette Curry sometimes stays past quitting time. But until three in the morning - on a Friday?

"It was definitely chaotic," said Curry, who spent those extra hours - and a few more on Saturday - getting moved into her new office.

But while the move ate a huge chunk of Curry's weekend, the Fairfield attorney was proud to step into Solano County's new \$100 million government center on Monday and go to work.



Only the sixth-floor of the government center downtown is currently being used. (Christine Baker/DAILY REPUBLIC)

The six-story building, hailed as bringing a new era in Solano County government and the catalyst for what many hope is a revitalized downtown, opened quietly this week with little fanfare, lots of boxes and a good share of smiling faces.

"It's been just awesome," Curry said. "It's nice to have something to draw people to."

The building's not quite finished yet. Although technically open to the public, only the sixth floor is being used.

County supervisors, administrators and attorneys took over the floor over the weekend, moving their offices from the now "old" county building across the street. In the next several months, a dozen other county departments will follow them after improvements are made to the other five floors.

Inside, dazed looks prevailed as people got off the sixth floor elevator and tried to figure out which office was where. But county officials still did business, and taxpayers who made it inside found their forms and got their questions answered.

Pretty cool, most workers thought of their new home.

"I think it's an absolutely fabulous building," said Maggie Jimenez, clerk to the Board of Supervisors, noting how its designers used a generous amount of natural light. "I hope it lasts a hundred years."

Assistant County Administrator Darby Hayes, who oversaw the project for the county, was in a particularly good mood.

Earlier this year, a poll of Daily Republic readers found that most thought the center could not be built on time and within budget. The poll was clipped out and hung up at the job site, Hayes said with a smile.

"I think things turned out better than anticipated," he said.

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