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Over the weekend, the Imperial Emergency Medical Services, Chase County Emergency Management and Chase County Transit handibusses moved into the new EMS building at 13th and Grant Streets.

Construction of the building began last spring. There are a few cosmetic details to be completed, but otherwise the building is finished.

Two ambulances, two handibusses and the Chase County Emergency Management decontamination trailer and pickup are housed in the building.

In addition, there are offices for the EMS and Chase County Emergency Management, as well as a shower, meeting room and storage for emergency equipment.

"There's lots more space. It's kind of amazing," said Deb Hayes, president of the EMS.

The building was constructed by C&S Construction of Grant for \$318,283. It measures 60 by 100 feet, and has concrete parking around the north and east sides.

The move to the new building by the EMS frees up some space at the Imperial Volunteer Fire Department hall, where the vehicles had been parked. The handibusses were previously stored by the county shop.

Hayes said the ambulances had been parked very tightly in the fire hall, along with fire trucks. The new building allows for more parking space.

An open house for the public is planned in the near future.