Chapter III -- Means of Realizing the Design Concept

Inside of the New Craig County Hall, public spaces are arranged in the east side next to the historical town plaza, bounded by slices of concrete columns beyond to frame erior historical environment. Three structural layers are introduced:

From west to east,

a. A 10" thick Concrete Bearing Wall to isolate the government-use space from the adjacent commercial wooden structures, blocking visual contact between them
b. A 6" thick Concrete Bearing Wall to divide the inner space into a service part and a functional part, also to limit views between them
c. Concrete Columns spanning 8 feet to define the east edge of the new building and to frame the views of the historical plaza

Corresponding to the layered structural system, three spatial zones with differing degrees of enclosure are created to blur the edge between inside and outside for gradual space transitions, acting as a stepped visual and psychological cushion when people walk out of the building to the plaza:

From west to east,

a. Fully Enclosed - Narrow Rectangular Zone containing service rooms bounded by concrete walls
b. Semi Enclosed - Central Functional Core with glazed curtain wall
c. Semi-open Porch with concrete columns and beams next to plaza

The same column grids as that of the existing hotel and the same height/width proportion of the elevation as that of the street buildings are utilized in the new building.

The appropriate volume also creates a well-balanced visual effect centered on the axis of the existing county hall, especially when seen from the Main Street.

The new building provides a place to appreciate the beautiful scene of the historical town center.