



Jail Planning Meeting Minutes
November 5, 2013
6:00 pm

Members Present: Debra Shackett, Daniel Ward, David Berry, Edward Philpot, Alida Millham, John Thomas, Steve Nedeau, Craig Wiggin, Hunter Taylor, Maggie Pritchard, Brian Loanes, Angela Bovill, Serene Eastman and Gary Goudreau.

Commissioner Philpot, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. M/Millham, S/Ward to approve the 10/02/13 minutes as written. Unanimous. **Motion carries.**

Commissioner Philpot spoke to the committee about the semiannual tour of the jail that the Commissioners conducted. There was a substantial list of concerns, and noticeable rapid deterioration throughout the facility. He also discussed the fact that since there is no money in the budget to renovate the probate court space for probation and parole, that the space will be used by our Restorative Justice Department for their programs.

Discussions revolved around on site temporary housing. The Superintendent has been sending inmates to other counties etc. and there is still not enough space in the jail, especially if we consider renovation. Gary Goudreau brought plans from the 1988 facility renovation so that the committee could review together. In the Ricci Greene report, in the Executive summary there was a report for use of spaces. The committee discussed using the 1988 portion of the building for the Community Corrections Program. That space is about 13,500 SF, so we would need to add to it. That would still not resolve the cracks, issues with bearing walls etc. So we have to consider if it would be cost effective to renovate it. Ms. Pritchard wants to know what is best for that SF space. The Community Corrections Program would be the least expensive (vs. inmate population/cells, etc.). There is no use in rehabbing the rest of the building other than the 1988 section. Captain Berry mentioned that in order to add SF space to this area, perhaps the sally port could be repurposed for program space (to reach the 17, 500 SF space for CCP as recommended by Ricci Greene). The county would of course need to temporarily house inmates while we reconstruct/repair/renovate.

Superintendent Ward brought new numbers for temporary housing (PODS). For a 48 bed facility for 3 years, it would cost \$34.00 per bed. Total cost over 3 years would be \$1,787,040. Site work is additional and it would be the county's responsibility to get connected to the grid (water, electric, sewer etc.) The per bed numbers don't change, you can do as large or as small as needed. These could also be used to keep inmates if we build, renovate, etc. and then they can be moved when done. We would need to have a design drawn up to accommodate the proposed programs to get better numbers.

Mr. Taylor asked if anyone has gone to look at these other county facilities where the Community Corrections Program has been implemented. Answer was yes. Mr. Taylor stated

that building a new building makes sense, and not to renovate the old (would cost more – no savings). Taxpayers want a lower number other than \$42 million, like say \$15 million. Chair Philpot stated it is impossible to just throw a number out there and use it as the guideline. We would have the same problems a few years down the road and that they would rather do it right once for the taxpayers. Sheriff Wiggin reported that they have transported 137 people in other facilities since July. His dept. can't keep doing this. The cost of personnel, overtime costs, fuel, wear and tear on the vehicles, etc., they just can't keep it up. (Since June 8,000 extra miles have been put on vehicles and an extra \$3,000 has been expended in fuel). It is going to get worse and we need a different plan. Both the Sheriff and the Superintendent concur that we need temporary housing now; we are going to need it either way so the sooner the better.

Committee discussed moving forward with temporary housing (PODS) and to try and get numbers for the design cost. We should also get another formal proposal on these temporary units.

Chair Philpot stated that the agenda for the next meeting will be:

1. Refined temporary housing costs
2. Costs for set up/site work
3. Schematic Design (15% of total A & E). Ricci Greene said that 8% of the total project costs is what should be figured (Approx. half a million dollars)

Mr. Taylor asked how much it would cost to bond. Ms. Shackett will get an answer for him. Chair Philpot thanked everyone for their input. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at 6:00 PM.

Unanimous motion to adjourn at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela A. Bovill, Administrative Assistant