



Kewaunee County
JAIL NEEDS ASSESSMENT STUDY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

May 13, 2019 5:00 p.m.

County Administration Building, 810 Lincoln Street, Kewaunee, WI 54216
Human Services Training Room,

Call to Order: Chair Weidner called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Robert Weidner, Doug Doell, John Mastalir, Tom Romdenne, Chuck Wagner, Scott Feldt, Matt Joski, Dave Cornelius, Chris van Erem, Jason Veaser, Bob Mattice, Dana Johnson, Jeff Wisnicky, John Cain, Rod Miller (by phone), Doak Baker, Pat Benes, Jeff Dorner, Anne Kulhanek, John Pabich,.

Approval of May 13, 2019 Agenda: Wagner moved and Pabich seconded to approve the agenda. A friendly amendment was offered changing the posted location at the courthouse to the actual location at the Administration building. Motion carried.

Approval of April 8, 2019 Minutes: Joski moved and Benes seconded to approve the April 8, 2019 minutes. A friendly amendment was offered changing the posted location at the courthouse to the actual location at the Administration building, and to correct the next meeting from June 10 to May 13. Motion carried.

Discussion of Jail Bed Projection: Committee reviewed the jail bed analysis provided by CRS Consultants. Miller calculated a jail bed needs forecast of 74.4 jail beds for year 2038. Miller identified some policies and trends that could affect that number including treatment courts, alternatives to incarceration, bail reform, etc. Miller reviewed with the committee the demographic breakdown of the inmate population including gender, age, race, citizenship, zip code etc. Miller pointed out that 57% of all male bed days were by inmates staying 91 days or more in jail. There will be further analysis as the project continues.

Discussion of Optional Action Plans: Cain provided the committee various options as to future action plans. Cain listed seven options. The first option would be to abandon the jail and contract with other counties for housing of inmates. The second option is to remodel the current jail and make no other changes. The third option is to construct a new jail housing unit and remodel the current jail to provide jail support services. The fourth option is to demolish the current jail and construct a new jail on the original site. The fifth option would be to construct a new law enforcement building on site which would also relocate the Sheriff's Department from its current location in the basement of the courthouse to the new building. The sixth option would be to construct a new jail and support facility at a new location. The Sheriff's Department would remain at its current location. The seventh option would be to construct a new law enforcement center at a new location which would include the relocation of the Sheriff's Department. Discussion followed regarding each of the options.

Cain surveyed the committee to determine which options are realistic to pursue. Cain provided a list of site selection criteria for the committee to consider while deliberating. The criteria included community support, county board support, first cost (capital and operating), long term costs (capital and operating), function and future expansion. Other items identified for consideration were the demolition of the jail museum, no longer providing 911 services, programming spaces



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and adding the court system to the construction of a new building.

After discussing the various options, the committee agreed that Option 1 (Abandonment) was not a viable option but that a cost/benefit analysis should be conducted. Option 2 (Remodel) was not a viable option. Option 3 (Remodel and Addition) was not a viable option but a cost/benefit analysis should be conducted. Option 4 (New Jail Onsite) is not a viable option. Option 5 (Law Enforcement Center Onsite) is a viable option to be considered. Option 6 (New Jail Offsite) is a viable option but option 7 will identify those costs and benefits. Option 7 (Law Enforcement Center Offsite) is a viable option and should be considered. It was agreed by all committee members that a new jail needs to be constructed while size, location and additional functional space is still needing to be discussed.

Review of Final Draft: The committee reviewed the interim presentation and provided feedback as to changes or clarifications for the final report.

Review of Future Study Timeline: The committee discussed how the information should be presented to the County Board. Should the information be given as part of a current county board meeting or should the information be given at a separate meeting. The committee agreed that the information should be provided at a separate meeting to allow as many questions and comments as required.

Next Meeting: June 10, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Pabich moved and Benes seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.