



Jackson County Jail Advisory Committee  
Jackson County Courthouse  
201 West Platt Street  
Maquoketa, Iowa 52060

## SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** January 30, 2018

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Location:** Jackson County Courthouse

**Members Present:** Board of Supervisors ó Larry McDevitt; District Court ó Judge Nancy Tabor; Sheriff ó Russ Kettmann; Sheriff Representative ó Steve Schroeder; Jail Administrator ó Mark Pape; Jail Representative ó Adam Pape; County Attorney ó Sara Davenport; Police Department Representative ó Brad Koranda; EMC ó Lyn Medinger; Maintenance Supervisor ó Marty Hudrlik; Regional Citizen Representatives ó Mike Delaney, Jon Thoms, Tiffany Mangler, Dick Kunau; Farm Bureau Representative ó Ryan Kilburg

**Visitors:** Mike Steines, Jack Willey, Brian Moore, Tom & Brenda Sneddon, Brent Kilburg, Thomas Kriegel Poweshiek Sheriff; Media: Kelly Gerlach, Maquoketa Sentinel Press; Mary Hayward, Local Access; Theresa Hosch, KMAQ; Sheri Melvold, Telegraph Herald

The meeting was called to order by Chair at 6:00 p.m.

Tom & Brenda Sneddon are neighbors to the west of the Penrose Property. They presented their concerns with having a jail next door. These concerns included added traffic/parking, losing their view, and increased lights and noise. Schroeder explained that a lot of the concerns could be alleviated or decreased by the way the jail was designed.

Discussion was had regarding narrowing down the options that were presented.

- Why 28 beds? Seems like a lot, should we be looking at a 20 bed facility instead? The possibility of generating some income by housing inmates from other counties was brought up. However, there isn't much interest in building large enough to generate income.
- Why do we need 9,200 square feet of administrative space?
- How best to utilize the existing Penrose building. Given the amount of money spent remodeling the Penrose building some are not in favor of remodeling or tearing it down. On the other hand some are not in favor of buildings sitting empty and feel there has to be a way to utilize the existing building without remodeling it. Board of Supervisors mentioned that they are interested in looking at moving the Penrose building to the Southeast side of the courthouse where the gazebo is now. This would free up the Penrose Property for new construction.
- The Sneddens were asked if they would consider selling their property which would give us more room to work with. They responded that they had discussed it and were open to the idea.

- The county owned property across from Sunshine daycare really isn't an option. It is all rock and would cost around \$500,000 to put utilities in.

The sheriff from Poweshiek County was in attendance and shared some of his thoughts. 7 years ago Poweshiek built a new jail going from a 7 bed house to a 35 bed jail. The building was sold to the citizens because they could generate income from out of county inmates. Unfortunately for them neighboring Jasper County built a new jail about the same time. It wasn't until recently with Warren County's jail problem that Poweshiek is finally housing out of county inmates. They charge \$45.00 a day.

It was decided that we needed more information on other potential options before we can move forward.

Direction for Shive Hattery:

- Look at 20 bed options (new & remodeling existing structures)
- Look at moving the Penrose building
- Look at purchasing neighboring Sneddon property
- Show us the traffic patterns/parking/sallyport for each option
- What does a \$6 million vs. \$4 million bond mean to the tax payer?

Motion by McDevitt, second by Kilburg to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Next Meeting February 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Jackson County Courthouse.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sara Davenport, Secretary