



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

MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 17, 2019

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Jackson County Courthouse

Members Present: District Court – Judge Nancy Tabor; Sheriff – Russ Kettmann; Sheriff Representative – Steve Schroeder; Jail Administrator – Adam Pape; Jail Representative – Adam Hoffman; County Attorney – Sara Davenport; Police Department Representative – Brad Koranda; EMC – Lyn Medinger; Adult Probation Officer – Renee Behr; Regional Citizen Representatives – Mike Delaney, Tiffany Mangler, Dick Kunau; Farm Bureau Representative – Ryan Kilburg

Visitors: Chris Riordan, Russ Long, Mike Steines, Barbi Notz, Alan Connolly, Jack Willey, Brent Kilburg, Jill Marshall; John Hansen, MCC; Media: Sara Millhouse, Maquoketa Sentinel Press; Mary Hayward, Local Access; Theresa Hosch, KMAQ

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

Motion by Kilburg, second by Mangler to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2019 meeting. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Old Business:

Following the last meeting Schroeder brought our recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to proceed with the greenfield site by Walmart and to call a bond election on August 6, 2019. The Board approved both recommendations.

New Business:

This year's jail inspection is done and the report has been sent to the county. A copy of the report will be put on the website.

John Hansen provided a 7 page handout and then went through it. The handout included a discussion on the Jackson County Jail Classification Requirement, Jail Adult Admissions from 2014-2018, Inmate housing projections and annual costs if the jail were to close, and Correctional Requirements. He pointed out that a jail is full at 80% capacity because of the classification requirement. Our peak last year was 26 inmates which would put us at full with a 31 bed jail. He is recommending 50 beds.

Hansen will have more definitive numbers as far as cost by the next meeting. Currently at 6.25-6.3 million. Rick Widener is working making some changes to decrease the cost.

The question came up as to how are we going to sell this to the public? One response was that this group and the Board of Supervisors are trying to make the best decision for the county and we need to come to a consensus and be on the same page when we talk to the public.

Hansen pointed out that he and Widener are not designing the jail to make money on housing out of county inmates; however there certainly is a need in surrounding counties that if we have the room we could recoup a little money. Schroeder pointed out that if we were to house out of county inmates we tell the other counties who we can hold based on the classifications we have at the time.

Discussion on the Public Awareness Campaign was tabled until the next meeting due to not having the final cost numbers.

Shive-Hattery finally sent us the invoice for the second phase of last year's contract along with expenses. It has been paid.

The Board of Supervisors needs to provide the official resolution to the county Auditor 46 days before the date set for bond which will be June 21, which means no later than their June 18 meeting.

Motion by Kilburg, second by Kunau to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Next Meeting May 15, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Jackson County Courthouse.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sara Davenport, Secretary