



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

MEETING MINUTES

Date: August 8, 2018

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Jackson County Courthouse

Members Present: Board of Supervisors – Larry McDevitt; 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; Maintenance Supervisor – Marty Hudrlik; Regional Citizen Representatives – Mike Delaney, Tiffany Mangler, Dick Kunau; Farm Bureau Representative – Ryan Kilburg

Visitors: Scott Hingtgen; Jack Willey; Phil Tabor; Corey Kettmann, Mark McCutchen, Scott Scheckel, Jody Martin, Andrew Long; Media: Sara Millhouse, Maquoketa Sentinel Press; Karen Rubel, Local Access; Sheri Melvold, KMAQ; Bennet Goldstein, Telegraph Herald

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

Motion by Kettmann, second by Kilburg to approve the minutes from the August meeting.
Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Bond Vote: 52.5% of voters voted “yes”. Needed 60% so the bond did not pass. We need to reassess the situation and figure out where to go from here.

Old Business:

Since the bond didn’t pass there is no need to discuss the site survey & geotechnical analysis of the proposed property.

New Business:

A lot of questions were being asked on Tuesday by the voters:

- Why that location?
- Why that much money?
- What are the increased operating costs and how will the county pay for it? Where is funding coming from for extra staff?
- Why vacate the current facility and have two empty county buildings without a plan?

Most of these questions were answered at town hall meetings or by the frequently asked questions. There was frustration in that the town halls were not well attended.

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Information was provided on the radio, in all county newspapers, on the county website, and on social media. How else do we get the information out to the voters?

Other concerns that were brought up:

- the location
- what will change in the next 10, 20, 30 years to make it outdated – why not just build for what we need now with the ability to expand later?
- if the Penrose building is incorporated it will pass (others say if you put any more money into the Penrose it won't pass)
- Kilburg wants to give the architect a budget of \$4 million and ask them to come up with a design.

Schroeder called the jail inspector to inform him that the vote did not pass. He is going to speak with his boss about the situation. He stated that the Iowa State Sheriffs' & Deputies' Association would have to inspect the jail site and provide him with a report. Once he gets the report he'll make a final decision. We will most likely be shut down in 30 – 60 days. It was asked if we can do anything to prevent the jail from shutting down – like explain that we will go to another vote in 6 months. Schroeder said he would ask that question but he wasn't very optimistic.

Jack Willey said that it is imperative that we have another vote in 6 months. The Board of Supervisors has to make a decision on the option to buy. The option was contingent on the bond passing, however, we could still purchase it.

Motion by Kilburg, second by Delaney to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Next Meeting September 12, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Jackson County Courthouse.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sara Davenport, Secretary