

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

April 27, 2017

Notice is hereby given that the Benton County Jail Committee conducted an open meeting at 6:00 P.M., Thursday, April 27, 2017, at the conference room of the Warsaw-Lincoln Ambulance District Building. The meeting site was handicapped accessible.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by committee chairman Mark Richerson.

The following committee members were present: Robert Berk~~hoff~~, Mark Richerson, Greg Wenberg, Kathy Bruner, James Theisen, Rod Brethower, Jason Shackles, Jeff Canfield, and Bob Follmer. Members Sharon Johnson, Tracey Spry, and Jr. Mehrens were not present. Members Roy Wagner and Jowell Roellig resigned due to personal commitments.

Members of the public present: Dorothy Bacon, Richard Bacon, Condra Richerson, Sherryl Schofield, Ed Schofield, Jerry Ramacia, Cassie Sanders, Joyce Coates, Larry Fowler, Glen Spencer, Mary Jorgensen, and Steve Johnson.

1. First order of business was the election of a new Secretary and Vice Chairman due the aforementioned resignations. Kathy Bruner accepted the position as secretary, and Rod Brethower agreed to serve as Vice Chairman.

2. Minutes of the April 12, 2017, were read/discussed with the following recommended amendments and/or deletions:

a. Paragraph 2a:

1) Amended to delete the first two sentences.

2) As reads, "The committee will look at the facts and the issues and be objective, stay the course, and come out with a **decision** to move forward." Is amended to read, "The committeecome out with a **recommendation**forward".

b. Paragraph 2b: Is amended to delete the entire last sentence.

c. Paragraph 2d: Is deleted in its entirety.

d. Paragraph 2, subparagraph "e" through subparagraph "l" are redesignated as subparagraphs "d" through "k" respectively.

James Theisen made the motion, seconded by Jeff Canfield, to accept the minutes as amended. Motion carried by a voice vote.

3. Chairman Richerson reiterated the mission of the committee is to: a) assess the need for a new jail, b) look at all available options, and c) to make a recommendation to the Benton County Commission. Members are encouraged to remain focused, neutral, and to stay the course.

4. Michael Lewis, representative from Shive-Hattery Architecture/Engineering, presented an approximately 45 minute Power Point program detailing the needs assessment survey completed last year. Discussion/questions upon conclusion of the presentation:
 - a. Presented minimum requirements of Law Enforcement Center/Jail Project versus Justice Center.
 - b. Discussion of long-term costs of staffing/maintenance versus construction capital costs.
 - c. Discussion of infrastructure and utilities concerns and the increased construction costs due to site locations.
4. Immediate agenda: Committee discussed the needs portion of the task assigned the committee. Bob Berkoff made the motion that the committee recognizes the urgent need for a new facility. Jeff Canfield seconded the motion, and the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.
5. Long term agenda:
 - a. hear sheriff's proposal, to include site visit.
 - b. investigate feasibility of Warsaw Industrial Park location versus downtown location.
 - c. research other county jail facilities.
 - d. research availability of other county-owned property
6. Public comments and/or questions:
 - a. request for wider dissemination and timely notice of jail committee meeting date/time
 - b. request for research of federal/state grants that may be available
7. Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 11, 2017, at 6:00 P.M. in the conference room of Warsaw-Lincoln Ambulance District Building.
8. There being no further business to come before the committee, James Theisen made the motion, seconded by Jeff Canfield, to adjourn. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.