

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

May 11, 2017

Notice is hereby given that the Benton County Jail Committee conducted an open meeting at 6:00 P.M., Thursday, May 11, 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. Mr. Richerson gave required basic rules and guidelines for the conduct of the meeting and cited the mission of the committee, which is to 1) assess the need for a new Benton County jail, 2) research all available options, and 3) to make an informed recommendation to the Benton County Commission.

The following committee members were present: Robert Berkoff, Mark Richerson, Greg Wenberg, Kathy Bruner, Sharon Johnson, Tracey Spry, James Theisen, Rod Brethower, Jason Shackles, and Jeff Canfield. Member Bob Follmer was not present. Member Jr. Mehrens has resigned due to illness in immediate family.

Members of the public present: Dorothy Bacon, Richard Bacon, Barbara Fox, Ed Schofield, Jana Turpin, Rachael Sherrer, Matthew Sherrer, Sherryl Schofield, Robert Gemes, Joy Knox, Cassie Sanders, Diana Marmino, Cheralynn Hostardt, Beth Chaffin, Larry Fowler, Christina Myers, Jason Matthews, Ray Johnson, Randy Eaton, David Goetze, Isaist George, Hasib Momant.

1. Minutes of the April 27, 2017, were read/discussed with the following correction noted: Member Robert **Berkhoff** corrected to read Robert **Berkoff**. All previous references will be changed.

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

2. In accordance with the meeting agenda, Sheriff Eric Knox was recognized:

(1) Sheriff Knox introduced Mr. Shawn Harding and Mr. Adam Kuehl representing HMN Architects, Inc., of Overland Park, KS.

(2) Sheriff Knox presented a prepared Power Point informational exhibit as pertains to a proposal for consideration.

(3) Discussion/questions from the committee

(4) Questions from the community

3. Meeting recessed to the Profit Packaging building on Industrial Drive:

(1) Presentation by HMN Architects, Inc., to include updated information from owner.

(2) Thorough walk-thru of the building.

(3) Questions from committee

(4) Questions from community

4. Committee reconvened on site to discuss latest information. James Theisen made the motion that a formal request be made to the Warsaw City Council to ascertain the approval or disapproval of the option to locate a jail and/or judicial center in the Industrial Park. Motion was seconded by Greg Wenberg. Motion carried by a voice vote.

5. Remaining long-term agenda:

- (1) Determine City of Warsaw's stance on availability of Industrial Park property(s) for potential jail site location.
- (2) Continue to research other county jail facilities.
- (3) Consider any additional options

6. Next meeting is scheduled for 6:00 P. M. Thursday, May 25, 2017, location to be announced.

7. There being no further business to come before the committee, Jeff Canfield made the motion, seconded by Jason Shackles , to adjourn. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.