

MINUTES  
JAIL STUDY ADHOC COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 18, 2021  
TIME: 9:00 AM  
LOCATION: Courthouse – Room 114

Members Present: Laura Valenstein, Jake Hahn, John Hokamp, and Dave LaFontaine

Members Present Virtually: Adam Fischer and Al Breau

Members Absent: Lee Thao

Others Present: Bill Clendenning, Reuben VanTassel, Ed Newton, Peter Kastenholz, William Winch, Shawn Becker, Susanna Pearson, Ted Ashbeck, Quentin Ellis, Charlie Hoogesteger, Dennis Polach, and Janelle Krueger

Others Present Virtually: Michael Lamont, Lance Pliml, Sheila Mishich and Dave Bisek

1. Chair Valenstein called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.
2. There was no public comment.
3. The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Motion by LaFontaine and seconded by Hokamp to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carries by voice vote.
4. Ed Newton presented information to the committee prepared by Baird exploring the impact that the potential jail construction would have on both mill rates and lending rates. Discussion ensued regarding questions of loan rates, options for longer term lending timelines, and the borrowing timelines as it relates to interest rates. Further discussion was had regarding the need for more information regarding not only hard costs of this project but also the soft costs and the operational cost increases after construction. There was additional discuss on unavoidable challenges like the increase in building material costs as well as cost sharing possibilities including laundering services and food services with other departments and/or buildings within the County.
5. Shelia and Dave with AEGIS presented information and context to the committee revolving around our claim history. Discussion was had regarding the lack of any claim prior to 2016 and then the “rash” of claims in the years 2016-2018 resulting from completed suicides within the jail. Sheila pointed out the costs associated with these claims and the overall impact that

these claims have. There was further conversation amongst the committee regarding the impact that the jail has directly on these claims and if a new jail would impact future claims or insurance premiums. There is some conversation and a request that the AEGIS underwriter provide more information at an upcoming meeting. The committee also discusses some recent updates that were made to the security camera system as well as the impact that the mental health services have had on the jail population overall.

6. Future agenda items include conversations with AEGIS, John Cain of Venture Architects, and discussion on soft costs as it relates to the different building options. The next meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2021 at 11:30 AM at the Courthouse in room 114.
7. Chair Valenstein adjourned the meeting at 9:55 AM.

Minutes taken by Janelle Krueger, Criminal Justice Coordinator, and are in draft form pending approval of the committee.