

MINUTES
JAIL STUDY ADHOC COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday May 13, 2021
TIME: 9:00 AM
LOCATION: Courthouse – Room 114

Members Present: Laura Valenstein, Jake Hahn, John Hokamp, Lee Thao, Al Breu, Adam Fischer, and Dave LaFontaine

Others Present: Reuben VanTassel, Ed Newton, William Winch, Shawn Becker, Quentin Ellis, Ted Ashbeck, Dennis Polach, Amy Kaup, Jason DeMarco, Justin Fisher, John Cain, Trent Miner, and Janelle Hafermann.

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 Fischer and seconded by LaFontaine to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carries by voice vote.
4. Chair Valenstein and Reuben VanTassel provide an overview of the meeting that was had with city planning to discuss the process necessary should the board decide to move forward. Overall there is much to be done and the process will be lengthy; however, it is not prohibitive. There is also discussion about the costs coming in lower than anticipated and additional city approval that would be needed for rezoning. Discussion ensues about the messaging and community engagement lending to the groups decision to hold a town hall style information session to be followed by the next meeting of this Adhoc committee. The date will be Wednesday May 26, 2021 with a time and a date yet to be determined.
5. The Adhoc committee walks through the PowerPoint presentation that was created by Chair Valenstein. The group discusses each slide with information provided by each member who will provide the facilitation for said slide. There are pieces of information that are further clarified and the committee discusses possible questions that either the County Board or members of the public may have and how some questions can be answered during the presentation. The committee then discusses the recommendation that they will be providing to the County Board including additional conversation on messaging and holding a town hall event. A motion is made by LaFontaine that our recommendation to the board is to build a new jail with a cost of seventy million dollars, this motion is seconded by Breu. Discussion

ensues and focuses around the dollar amount of the motion. An amendment to the original motion is made by Valenstein and seconded by Hahn to change the dollar amount to fifty eight million dollars. The new amended motion is to recommend that the County Board build a new jail with costs of fifty eight million dollars. Motion carries by a voice vote. Additional conversation is held regarding the need or lack of need for additional tours of facilities including Waupaca County jail. There is discussion on differences between Waupaca and Eau Claire's facilities and John Cain agrees to provide more detail for those who are interested.

6. The next meeting is scheduled for May 26, 2021 immediately following the conclusion of the Town Hall. A location has yet to be determined.
7. Chair Valenstein adjourned the meeting at 10:31 AM.

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