

MINUTES
JAIL STUDY ADHOC COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, June 9, 2021
TIME: 7:20 pm (following public presentation)
LOCATION: American Legion Post 54
2100 S Maple Avenue, Marshfield, WI 54449

Members Present: Laura Valenstein, Jake Hahn, Adam Fischer, John Hokamp, and Al Breu

Members Absent: Lee Thao, David LaFontaine

Others Present: Lance Pliml, Mike Feirer, Reuben VanTassel, Ed Newton, Sarah Salewski, Shawn Becker, Quentin Ellis, and Ted Ashbeck

1. Chair Valenstein called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM.
2. There was no public comment.
3. The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Chair Valenstein discussed a correction needed from a previous meeting's minutes where the mill rate change was recorded as \$.35 per \$100,000 of property value as opposed to the correct amount of \$.35 per \$1000 of property value. This value had been reported correctly during meetings and presentations, but was recorded incorrectly in the meeting minutes. The letters of support from the police chiefs in Wood County and a letter from a former inmate were discussed. Motion by Breu and seconded by Hahn to approve the minutes. Motion carried by voice vote.
4. The Committee discussed community input received regarding the project from constituents and from those attending the informational meetings. Breu said he had received one call on the issue and the person was in favor of the project. Sarah Salewski shared that she was approached by an attendee of the informational meeting who was initially against the project, but after hearing the presentation was now in favor of it. Hokamp has heard from one person opposed to the project but has had other constituents tell him they are in favor of the project and say now is the time to do it. He also has been questioned as to why this isn't going to referendum and had people request to somehow see a completed project cost compared to what was estimated if the project does take place. Fischer reported he has received 28 calls with 25 of them being negative toward the project, 2 indifferent to it, and 1 positive. He said a number of the negative calls he received were from commercial or high end residential property owners who would see a higher monetary impact on their taxes. Hahn reported receiving a high number of positive calls on the project. Valenstein reported she discussed the project at the recent Towns' Association meeting and received positive feedback about the project.
5. Next meeting is TBD.

6. Chair Valenstein adjourned the meeting at 7:32 PM.

Minutes taken by Quentin Ellis, Wood County Sheriff's Department, and are in draft form pending approval of the committee.