

## MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

May 25, 2017

Notice is hereby given that the Benton County Jail Committee conducted an open meeting at 6:00 P. M., Thursday, May 25, 2017, at the Lincoln City Hall. 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, Bob Follmer, Mark Richerson, Greg Wenberg, Kathy Bruner, Sharon Johnson, Tracey Spry, James Theisen, Rod Brethower, Jason Shackles, and Jeff Canfield. Cassie Sanders has been appointed to the committee and was present.

Eleven (11) members of the public were present. The Benton County Presiding Commissioner and the Benton County North Side Commissioner were also present. The sign-in roster has been placed on file.

1. Minutes of the May 11, 2017, meeting were made available. Sharon Johnson made the motion, seconded by Tracey Spry, to accept the minutes. Motion carried by a voice vote.
2. The Warsaw City Council Executive Committee has declined to authorize the Warsaw Industrial Park as an option for a County Jail site. Official notification to that effect will be made to the committee in writing from the Benton County Commission.
3. A proposed option of housing all Benton County prisoners in a neighboring County discussed. There is conflicting information regarding the feasibility of such an arrangement and will require additional research and information to clarify.
4. In accordance with the published meeting agenda, Mr. Lawrence Goldberg of Goldberg Group Architects, PC, was recognized:
  - (1) Mr. Goldberg presented six (6) different draft site plans for previously constructed law enforcement centers which utilized the modular-type construction with self-contained cell pods. These plans would house from 78 to 100 prisoners.
  - (2) Mr. Goldberg provided documentation to outline a tentative timeline for the project and a spread sheet of proposed sources and uses of funds.
  - (3) Description of jail site restrictions and size requirements (3.4 acres) were presented.
  - (4) Discussion/questions from the committee.
  - (5) Questions from the community members present.
5. Committee discussed latest information:
  - (1) James Theisen made the motion, seconded by Bob Follmer, that the committee request the County Commission get preliminary feasible site locations for the jail construction. Motion passed by a voice vote. Committee member Theisen will forward request to the Commission.

(2) Timeline for submitting final recommendation(s) to County Commission was discussed.

6. Remaining long-term agenda items:

Continue to research “stick built”, “modular/pod”, and “repurposing” construction.

7. Questions/comments from public audience:

(1) Continued public interest in the Profit Packaging building repurposing option, to include questions about the unanimity of the decision by the Warsaw city council was brought up by community members.

(2) Emphasis on getting information and wording out to the public prior to the placing of a proposition on a future ballot was emphasized by local community members.

These comments/questions/concerns were referred to the appropriate jurisdiction for consideration/action.

8. Next meeting is scheduled for 6:00 P. M. Thursday, June 15, 2017, in Cole Camp.

The exact location to be determined/announced.

There being no further business to come before the committee, Bob Follmer made the motion, seconded by Greg Wenberg, to adjourn. The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 8:15 P. M.