

## Carbon County Detention Facility Committee Meeting

November 25, 2020, 6:00pm

In person at the Commissioners' Office in Red Lodge: Commissioner Bill Bullock, Pete Critelli, and Commissioner Elect Scott Miller; in person at the Joliet Fire Station: Commissioner Scott Blain, Sheriff Josh McQuillan, Hal Lewis, Gary Levine Spectrum Group Architects, Kyle Lorash, Brent \*\*\*\*\*; participated virtually: Administrative Officer Angela Newell, Jane Swanson-Webb, Brent Moore Interstate Engineering, and Stillwater Commissioner Tyrel Hamilton.

Bullock provided an update regarding memorandums of understanding (MOUs) for contracted beds. Stillwater and Sweetgrass continue to be interested in contracting for beds the total number of bed and the per day rate have not been finalized. Bullock has reached out to Bond Counsel Nathan Bilyeu regarding how specific the MOUs need to be. Blain has also reached to Big Horn County; they plan to take another run at a jail expansion, but will be interested if it fails again.

There was a discussion regarding Department of Corrections inmates and daily bed rates; the State pays significantly lower than many facilities charge. Carbon's agreement with Yellowstone County requires carbon to pay the difference between the State Rate and the normal daily rate at YCDF.

Blain discussed the Annexation Agreement with the Town of Joliet. There is a draft that is being circulated, but some outstanding items remain to be settled.

Moore noted the Town's grant application for the water tower has rated high, he believes the project has a good chance of being funded. Interstate and Triple Tree have reviewed the topography of the waterline extension. There is a consensus of what needs to be done, but the Town and County will need to agree on the proportional share of costs. There was a discussion about future additions to the property or additional growth in Joliet that may help offset the utility construction costs. Bullock emphasized that he does not want the public to have the perception that the County is rebuilding the Town's water system. Moore noted upgrades would not be system improvements, but are specific to the needs for construction of the detention facility.

Discussion regarding the interlocal agreement and the Town's water system. Moore noted with as high as the water tower grant has ranked, he does not believe it will be necessary for the County to place a water tower on the property. There was some discussion regarding if the Town of Joliet was asking for any improvement besides the cost of items for the facility. This is being evaluated by legal staff in the review of the Interlocal Agreement. Annexation should move forward once interlocal is finalized. Discussion about adding mediation clause into the agreement in the event there are future issues where agreements can't be made.

Utilities: Moore noted after measuring manhole depths it has been determined that a lift station will be necessary for the facility. This would most likely be a private lift station unless there are other possible users that could benefit from it. Discussion about bringing in fill to look at other alternatives for gravity sewer so as not to incur the construction and maintenance expenses associated with a lift station. Will have elevation survey next week. Looking at sewer connection on Carbon Ave. or Highway 212. Still need more solid construction costs for gas, electric, and internet service.

Discussion continued regarding interlocal agreements/MOUs with other counties; citizens would like to see language regarding released inmates being returned to their home county not released into the Joliet community. Bullock noted other counties are agreeable to that condition and the County will have policy that an inmate has transportation back to the county that initiated the arrest.

Levine noted his team has been reviewing cost projections and believes the construction numbers are good, the increased cost is an inflation estimate. The less reliable numbers are for construction associated with utilities. With all utilities, the facility, and a 5% construction contingency, the project is right at \$30M. Levine noted those waiting on a ride, will likely have to wait in the lobby as there is not another space for this function.

Kyle Lorash asked about the bond cost to taxpayers; Blain noted the goal is to keep the cost of the bond under \$50 a yer per \$100,000 in property value.

McQuillan asked about cost of a 50 bed facility; he would like to have some hard figures for folks.

Discussion regarding jail standards and making sure the County is not building something that is going to become obsolete. Levine noted changes in building codes are frequent, but Federal and Montana jail standards have not changed significantly in his time.

Sizing of facility was based on operational efficiencies and the desire to not require an operating levy. Newell noted current size would break even if 90% of available beds (at 90% total capacity) are rented. Discussion about residents paying for facility vs. facility and operating. Discussion regarding liability. Newell suggested it may be helpful to put together a cost comparison of tax payer costs of larger facility vs. smaller facility with operating. Lorash believes the Community will be more receptive to a Carbon County facility than a facility that is more regional.

Lengthy discussion regarding appropriate size of the facility and the public education campaign

7:36 Adjourn