

Carbon County Detention Facility Meeting

February 17th, 2021, 6:00pm

In person at the Joliet Fire Department: Commissioner Scott Blain, Commissioner Scott Miller, Shane Swandal, Hal Lewis, Amber Foechterle, Gary Foechterle, Melvin Hoferer, Sheriff Josh McQuillan, Steve Sherman, Kathleen Armstrong, Charlie Buechler, Mike Cline, Chris Pugrud. Commissioners Office and on-line: Commissioner Bill Bullock, Angela Newell, Gary Morseman, Barbara Krizek, Shane Wareheim, Jane Swanson Webb, Tara Reynolds, Denise Rivette, Phoebe Tollefson, Ken Gallegos, Alastair Baker, Pete Critelli, Lombard and Conrad

1. **Approve Minutes:** Minutes from 01.27.2021 were unanimously approved.
2. **Mission Statement and Goals:** Angela Newell read the proposed mission statement and goals aloud. Scott Blain informed the committee that Yellowstone County cautioned against using Correction Facility over Detention Facility. Denise Rivette suggested using Rehabilitation in the Mission Statement. It was decided to put that as a later goal for the facility. It was suggested to change the word jail to detention under goals. Gary Foechterle entered a motion to approve the mission statement and goals. Melvin Hoferer second. All in favor. Motion carries.
3. **Sheriff's Comments / Update:** Sheriff Josh McQuillan advised the committee that the detention facility will be a 50 bed instead of a 100 bed facility. Met with Alastair Baker (Carbon County News) and discussed printing detention topics once a week in the paper.
4. **Revised Floor Plan:** Shane Swandal with Hulteng CCM has been hired to assist the County. The architects came back out and after receiving some suggestions from Yellowstone County they reworked the plans. Some differences are that the isolation cells are being moved to the end of the facility as opposed to having them at the entrance, there will be a secure area in the control room and there will be an area for outdoor recreation.
5. **Strategic Planning Timeline:** Angela Newell will be sending the spreadsheet to Hulteng. They spoke with Alastair Baker and decided that small topics being out in the paper will be easier to read and understand than it was to put out the full story on the detention facility. Discussion on whether the committee should send information to the newspaper right away or to wait until we have exact numbers to share with the public. Shane Swandal would like for us to wait so he can get more information and more questions answered so he can be brought up to speed. He stated that we need to be careful when throwing numbers out that aren't exact. We need an accurate amount to move forward. It will take a few weeks to get everything in place and there will be an update at the next meeting on March 3rd.

6. **Operating Costs / Staffing / Levy:** We will hold off with discussion about operating costs until we have more numbers in place. Questions from the audience about why there will now be two levies instead of one. A building levy and an operations levy will have to pass in order to build the detention facility.
7. **Public Education:** Shane Swandal went over what the role of the committee should be. We should be reviewing all documents, understand program size and scale, bond language discussions with DA Davidson, getting information to the public, RFQ processes, etc. He will have a better idea when we meet again on March 3rd. It is suggested that if anyone has ideas that they need to email Angela so she can get the information out to the committee. Christopher Pugrud questioned the spreadsheet and wanted to know why we were discussion shifting to a 50 bed from 100 bed facility. Sheriff McQuillan stated that it is not guaranteed that we will get revenue from other counties. Much discussion of what the detention facility will need no matter what size it is.
8. **Committee Comments:** Angela Newell reminded everyone that once there is a resolution to call the election, our committee will have to register with the Commissioner of Political Practices.
9. **Items for the next agenda:** Budget numbers
10. **Public Comment:** .

Chris Pugrud feels that it is a good idea to let people know how much the County is already spending on transports and how many extra hours deputies are working when having to transport. He also feels it would be helpful to talk about annual numbers as opposed to the final cost. Shane Swandal explained fast tracking if we need to. We are looking at March 2024 for completion at this point.

Discussion about offices in Joliet if we are able to move offices out of the county seat.

Commissioner Blain informed the group that the annexation was approved by the Joliet Town Council at the February 16th, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Bullock wanted to know what conditions there were with the enlargement application and Commissioner Blain informed him that there were none.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm. Next meeting will be Wednesday, 03/03/2021.