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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Ad Hoc Jail Solution Committee Minutes
June 16, 2015**

The DeKalb County Ad Hoc Jail Solution Committee met on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 @ 7:00p.m. in the Administration Building's Conference Room East. Chairman Jones called the meeting to order. Members present were Kevin Bunge, Dan Cribben, John Frieders, Frank O'Barski, Riley Oncken, Stephen Reid, Lt. Joyce Klein, and Anita Turner. Ms. Askins, Sheriff Scott and Mr. Stoddard were absent. Others present were Gary Hanson, Greg Millburg and Pete Stefan.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Oncken, seconded by Mr. Reid, and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes from May 19, 2015.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Mr. O'Barski, seconded by Ms. Turner, and it was carried unanimously to approve the amended agenda.

Mr. Stoddard and Sheriff Scott arrived at 7:05p.m.

JAIL EXPANSION CONSTRUCTION AND FINANCING PACKAGE

Mr. Hanson made a Power Point presentation to the committee about the Jail Expansion Construction and Financing Package.

He said the first resolution before the committee tonight is the county board agreeing with the proposal of the design, construction and financing of the jail expansion project and points. The Ordinance is the legal document required for a bond issue. This ordinance authorizes \$35 million in bonds and starts the 30-day process for the public to go to referendum if they want to.

The resolution, he said, has five points highlighted in it. The first item is the location. The second item is the \$33 million dollars needed for the entire project. We will have a total capacity of 163 beds and only enough funding to operate 133 beds when we open in 2018. There will be enough shell space for 56 beds with a grand total of 219 beds.

The financing plan for the \$33 million, said Mr. Hanson, includes the minimum guaranteed landfill revenue (years 2016-2045), the county farm sales tax (years 2029 – 2033), the interest revenue on bond sale, the remaining funds from 2010 Bond Issue, and Internal Borrowing if needed.

The committee asked Mr. Hanson how much money did he think would be needed from the internal borrowing?

Mr. Hanson said about \$1 to \$1.5 million.

Mr. Hanson showed a slide that highlighted the 2018 Operating Costs. It stated that with 133 beds the total operating costs would be \$5,615,000. The 2015 budget ADJ to 2018 would be (\$5,115,000). The new money needed totaled \$500,000.

He then spoke about turning over the construction oversight to the Public Building Commission. They will be utilized to manage the construction project for the County Board, within the constraints of the available dollars provided by the County board. No additional external debt may be incurred without the express approval of the County Board he said.

The last slide shows the rest of the actions needed to be done by the County Board for this project. Mr. Hanson said that the first date is July 1st where the County Board would need to adopt the resolution before the committee tonight authorizing the timely financing and construction parameters for the Jail Expansion. The other item is the ordinance before the committee tonight authorizing issuance of \$35 million General Obligation Alternate Bonds. On August 19, 2015, we will need to hold a Public Hearing under the Bond Issue Notification Act held at County Board Meeting. On September 16, 2015 (or later) we will need to do a Bond Sale/Parameter Ordinance.

Mr. Oncken made a suggested change to the Ordinance stating that there needed to be a “comma” inserted under Section 6. Publication, paragraph 2, line 3, to read now “...voters in the County or (ii) 200 of those registered **voters**, or 15% of those registered.....”

Mr. Hanson said that this was written by our Bond Counsel and that he will check with them.

Chairman Jones said that he feels comfortable with the funding mechanism. We are trying to keep the costs down as much as we can. The Committee has done a good job over the past 5 months and he is proud of where they are right now. However, now it is time for it to be built.

The committee discussed if Change orders have been considered.

Mr. Hanson said that we have \$3 million set aside for contingency purposes. He said that he hopes that this protects us from going over the assigned funding.

Mr. Stoddard stated that he would like a clarification on the ordinance from the bond counsel on the “comma” in Section 6.

It was moved by Mr. Oncken, seconded by Mr. O’Barski, and it was carried unanimously to recommend the Resolution to the full board for approval.

It was moved by Mr. Stoddard, seconded by Mr. Oncken, and it was carried unanimously to recommend the Ordinance 2015-06 to the full board for approval, with the caveat that Mr. Hanson gets a clarification on the “comma” in Section 6 from the Bond Counsel.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Chairman Jones said that he would like to switch agenda items 5 and 6.

He said that he feels that we really need good Public Relations on this subject. What do we want to do to with regards to public relations on the jail expansion project?

Lt. Klein said that she is working on the Jail video. She said that she has met with Christine Johnson and the video will be done first and should be done in July. Then they will look at the Jail Tour after that.

Mr. Oncken said that as Chairman of this committee he felt that Mr. Jones should write a letter to the Editor of the local newspaper on the project.

Chairman Jones said that he and Mr. Pietrowski, Jr., will be talking to certain groups. He will also help to write the letter. He will do it as a guest column.

METHODS TO REDUCE JAIL POPULATION

The committee discussed whether there were any more ways to reduce the jail population. Chairman Jones asked if Sheriff Scott and Lt. Klein would be in favor of working on the timing of the bond call.

Lt. Klein said that the new jail would be a good place to start. She doesn’t feel that it will affect the number that much.

Mr. Frieders said that they have heard in Law and Justice that is it better to get prisoners out quicker and that it could cut down on recidivism.

Mr. Oncken said that all of the things that have been recommended by consultants have been implemented. He had no more ideas.

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Mr. Reid said that we may want to look further at Mental Health Court. He said that there is a program from Hawaii that State's Attorney Richard Schmack is researching and that he felt that we should invite him.

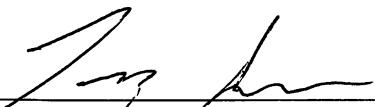
Lt. Klein said that Judge Stuckert is doing research on the Mental Health Court and that we may want to invite her too and Deanna Cada.

The committee agreed to invite all three of them to their August meeting.

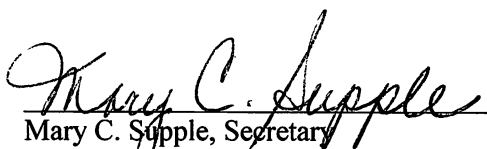
ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Oncken, seconded by Ms. Turner, and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Tracy Jones, Chairman



Mary C. Supple, Secretary