

MONTGOMERY COUNTY JAIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 27, 2010

The Montgomery County Jail Committee met Wednesday, January 27, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. in the Employee Break Room of the Courthouse. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Donna Robinson. Those present were committee members Brad Wright, Clint Rubey, Donna Robinson, Julie Rubey, Jim Sifford, Roger Ehmke, Ron Brown, and Sheriff Joe Sampson. Also present were Prochaska representatives Don Prochaska, Scott Lundberg, and Steve Riley, clerk Joni Ernst and visitors Red Oak Chamber and Industry Association Director Darrel Steven Carlyle and Supervisor Steve Ratcliff.

Motion by C. Rubey, second by Brown to approve the agenda. All in favor.  
Motion carried.

The minutes of the prior meeting were reviewed. Amendment recommended by Wright that the sentence "Spady/SH spoke of reverse referendum if 10% of voters from last election sign petition it dies, if no one or less thn 10% sign petition it goes forward" be replaced with "Spady/SH spoke of reverse referendum if 10% of voters from last election sign petition it forces a referendum, if no one or less thn 10% sign petition it goes forward." Motion by C. Rubey, second by Wright to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2010 Jail Committee Meeting as amended. All in favor. Minutes stand approved.

The Chair called for public comment. No public comment.

Prochaska representatives Steve Riley and Scott Lundberg reviewed a powerpoint presentation which outlined each of the four options for Montgomery County, including a new facility on currently-owned county property adjacent to the existing jail and sheriff's office, an existing vacant building ("No Frills") rehabbed for a jail, remodeling the existing jail, and building a twenty-four hour holding facility and transporting prisoners to other counties.

The committee discussed the options and the costs associated with the various projects. Riley stated that new construction would run approximately \$275 per square foot, with \$330 per square foot when including total project costs. This was a beginning estimate. C. Rubey stated he would like to see hard numbers on each option. The committee agreed that before a recommendation was made, they would need costs. Don Prochaska stated that numeric proof is good in projects like this, as it is easily comparable by the citizens.

Riley said that at the present time, the only option that they see as not feasible is using the existing jail, and recommended that a survey of the existing property be done to be more exact on projections for a new facility. Sifford recommended that the cost of demolition of the current jail be included in any estimates.

The committee asked that Ruan representatives be contacted and asked to attend the next committee meeting, and that Prochaska have more specific dollar figures for the options for review.

Ernst asked about pursuing federal appropriations, and the consensus was to pursue available funding options.

The next meeting date was set for February 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

With no additional comments, motion to adjourn by Sifford, second by Wright. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

DONNA ROBINSON, CHAIRMAN  
ATTEST: JONI K. ERNST, CLERK