

MONTGOMERY COUNTY JAIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 30, 2010

The Montgomery County Jail Committee met Tuesday, March 30, 2010 at 6:00p.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, Drue Powers, Julie Rubey, Jim Sifford, Ken Rech, Margaret Stoldorf, Roger Ehmke, Dan Cain, Ron Brown, and Joe Sampson. Also present were Prochaska representatives Steve Riley, Scott Lundberg, and visitors Karen Blue, Greg Orear of the Red Oak Express, Jail Administrator Mike Sanchez, Red Oak City Councilman Roger Waggener, Judy Oakleaf, Jo Good and Jim Good.

Motion by Stoldorf, second by Cain to approve the agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.

The minutes of the March 16, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Minutes stand approved as read.

The chair called for public comment. Judy Oakleaf voiced opposition to the proposed jail site because of close proximity to her residence.

Prochaska representatives presented the committee with additional data to reinforce the decision for the 24 bed facility. Scott Lundberg has been working with Mike Sanchez on the average daily population (ADP). Given the numbers and projections, a 24 bed with 12 bed future expansion in reasonable. Classification of prisoners was reviewed and weighs in on the numbers of beds/cells needed.

Lundberg has been in contact with State Jail Inspector Delbert Longley. It has been determined that having Dispatch with Master Control is a workable option. Plans may have to be internally expanded. This would save hiring another person to staff in the evenings, which would be a cost savings to all included. Staff needed would be 2 dispatchers on during day shifts and 1 dispatch at night along with 1 Master Control person. The efficiencies within the office of the Sheriff's department and the Police department cannot always be measured by dollars, much of this is unknown until the operation is up and running. There would possibly be a difference with records staff for the police and possible positions saved by the sheriff with master control and dispatch. Wright asked about master staffing and business plan. Powers stated there is so much unknown at this point. Some staff changes may come through attrition.

Riley showed a power point slide with the option for long term expansion. This included an area for an addition pod if needed. This was termed very long range planning. The survey of the proposed site is in the process.

The discussion on the shared cost for the County/City of Red Oak was that much of this will be determined by negotiations by county and city officials. The decision to combine the LEC is a forward move at this time and figuring out the savings/cost sharing is next. These negotiations will be fine tuned by a subcommittee. It was stated that the subcommittee needs to meet soon. Prochaska will get help to the subcommittee to come up with cost percentages.

Prochaska is compiling all of our information and will put it in a booklet for our final project and campaign to take to the public. Also discussed was what was needed for promotional information. This will include illustrations, costs, documentations, etc. and can be used in power point presentations, flyers, handouts, large printed boards. Money has been budgeted by the county for items such as this. A subcommittee was discussed for informational/marketing of the bond issue. Julie and Clint Rubey will serve on this as will others to be named. It was suggested each committee member come back with named of 3 people to help with the bond issue which will be August 3, 2010. The decision as to what to do with the current jail is to be determined by the Board of Supervisors. Prochaska asked if an evaluation could be done for hazardous materials done in the buildings slated for demolition. This will be arranged by county officials. It was also suggested that Ruan representatives need to come back to a meeting fairly soon to give us costs of bonds.

The next meeting was set for Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 6:00p.m.

Motion to adjourn by C. Rubey, second by Stoldorf. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40p.m.