

MONTGOMERY COUNTY JAIL COMMITTEE MINUTES
April 14, 2010

The Montgomery County Jail Committee met Wednesday, April 14, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. in the Basement Meeting 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, Jim Sifford, Ken Rech, Margaret Stoldorf, Roger Ehmke, Dan Cain, Ron Brown, and Joe Sampson. Also present were Prochaska representatives Scott Lundberg and Steve Riley, clerk Joni Ernst and visitors Jail Administrator Mike Sanchez, Red Oak City Councilman Roger Waggener, Villisca City Councilman Andy Crussell, Red Oak Express Editor Greg Orear, and Supervisor Steve Ratcliff..

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

The minutes of the March 30, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Minutes stand approved as read.

The Chair called for public comment. No public comment.

Under discussion of the next steps for the Jail Committee, Riley and Lundberg presented the updated floor plan of the Law Enforcement Center, with a combined area of 6,249 square feet (does not include jail area), with the Sheriff's area comprising 4,660 square feet when separated out of the combined area.

The proposed areas compared are as follows:

<u>Combined LEC</u>	<u>sq ft</u>	<u>County Offices Only</u>	<u>sq ft</u>
Sheriff	815	Sheriff	815
Red Oak PD	929		
Shared Space	<u>4,505</u>	Sheriff Common Space	<u>3,845</u>
	6,249		4,660

The difference between the two floor plans is 1,589 square feet (needed to accommodate the Red Oak Police Department.)

Riley reviewed the plan that was agreed upon at a previous meeting, Option 1B, a 24-bed Law Enforcement Center with a construction budget of \$4,904,830, soft costs of \$1,079,060, totaling \$5,983,890. He stated that this does not include the hazmat abatement or property acquisition in the future.

The Committee discussed the County versus City costs. Robinson said that areas that have to be built for the jail and sheriff are attributed to the county, any additional area or cost to accommodate the police department goes to the city. Stoldorf stated she was not entirely comfortable yet. She gave the example of the garage, which is paid by the county. She stated more than likely the city will utilize it, too, but will not have paid for it. Rubey asked Powers' and Sampson's opinions. Sampson said in that example if it is an issue, he would ask the city to remove their vehicle. Sampson and Powers were comfortable with the proposal given by Riley and Lundberg.

Cain stated he did not see a big issue with sharing a conference room or garage and stated these were small things in the bigger picture.

Robinson recognized Crussell in the audience who had a question. Crussell asked if Villisca was paying for the Red Oak Police offices. Robinson stated that the square footage added by the City of Red Oak was being paid for by the City. Robinson stated she, too, was representing taxpayers in the east part of the county, and she was comfortable with the proposal. She asked if the committee was ready to move off of this item. Consensus of the Committee for Prochaska to proceed with the final plan to be presented at the next Committee meeting.

The Committee briefly discussed the compilation of names of people to assist on the bond campaign and for private fundraising. Ernst advised that public money can't be spent on campaign materials that urge voters to vote one direction or another.

Stoldorf asked if the website had been updated, and said it would be a good resource for information for the public. Ernst stated that IT Director Patrick Binns can post the final information on the site once provided by Prochaska.

Robinson discussed various means of campaigning for the issue including open houses, civic meeting attendance, and town hall meetings. Rubey stated Farm Bureau has a meeting on June 14th, and would like representatives of the Committee to speak at their meeting. Robinson stated that the representatives would go to all towns and visit with various organizations to promote the proposed facility.

April 28th was set as the next Jail Committee meeting and final presentation to the committee. The final presentation will then go to the Board of Supervisors on April 29th.

With no additional comments, motion to adjourn by Brown, second by Stoldorf. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

DONNA ROBINSON, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: JONI K. ERNST, CLERK