



**Approved Minutes
Jail Building Committee
Monday, December 11, 2017 – 5:00 pm
Health & Human Services Center – Room 1001
303 W. Chapel Street
Dodgeville, Wisconsin**

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1	Chair Curt Peterson called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.
2	<p>Roll Call. Members present: Bruce Paull, Curt Peterson, Carol Anderson, Jeremy Meek, Bill Ehr, Pam Steffes, John Meeker, Riley Brown, and Steve Michek.</p> <p>Others Present: Larry Bierke, Jim Griffiths, Dan Nankee, John Meyer, Grant County Sheriff Nate Dreckman, Grant County Chief Deputy Jack Johnson, and Grant County Board Chairman Robert Keeney</p>
3	Paull moved to approve the agenda, Ehr seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
4	Anderson moved to approve the Nov. 16 meeting minutes. Paull seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
5	<p>Reports/Comments from the Audience.</p> <p>Jim Griffiths suggested the use of a press release to communicate the Committee’s plans with the community.</p>
6	<p>Representatives from the Grant County Jail Building Project spoke about their process. Their initial consideration for a new Jail began in 2000. It was revisited in their strategic plan in 2009 and again in 2014 in an updated strategic plan. They started with a \$30 million initial Bond Authorization which was approved. Estimated costs were reduced by about \$5 million when they decided to contract locally. They discussed their space needs and design plan, which include a facility that houses 4 departments, to include Sheriff, ADRC, Social Services and Emergency Management.</p> <p>The Grant County Project will take about 14-15 months build time and includes a staffing increase. They estimated contracting with about 23-24 local contractors and hope to occupy the new 103 bed facility in March of 2019.</p>
7	<p>Larry Bierke shared a timeline to help keep the committee on track for accomplishing goals.</p> <p>Bierke also provided information on how the Dodgeville High School project handled their process. Per Jeff Jacobson, the Superintendent, they went to referendum and hired a Builder and an Architect. Prior to referendum they surveyed Postal customers and also mailed reminders of notice prior to the referendum. They held a speaking tour to include representatives of finance to answer questions of the impact of the new project.</p>
8	A mission statement will be determined at the next meeting with several ideas presented by Ehr, Paull, and Brown.
9	<p>A more thorough review of the Jail space needs will be discussed at the next meeting with a request for Steffes to provide a list of facility needs to all members, and provide some photos of the problem areas within the current facility.</p> <p>Touring of new facilities, similar in size to Iowa County, will be researched and completed for positives/negatives of other’s building processes. These should be scheduled for February 12 or February 26, 2018.</p>

10	Bierke provided information regarding use of the special website and possible links to be used. The possibility of using a public media source was discussed but the cost is undetermined. A link to contact the Sheriff for possible tours was also discussed as an option.
11	The items to be completed at the next meeting are the mission statement, the space needs review/decision and the continuing timeline goals. Peterson will provide the Board with an update of the Committee progress at the next Board meeting.
12	The next meeting has been set for January 8, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. Future meetings will be January 22, February 12, and February 26.
13	A motion to adjourn was made by Ehr and seconded by Anderson. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.
Minutes by Pam Steffes	