

**Official Proceedings
Codington County Justice Advisory Committee
Lake Area Technical Institute, Room 430
Watertown, SD 57201
August 14, 2018**

The Codington County Justice Advisory Committee (CCJAC) met on August 14, 2018, at Lake Area Technical Institute. Attending were committee members Lee Gabel, Larry Wasland, Matthew Kranz, Al Koistinen and Troy VanDusen. Absent were Brad Howell, Megan Olson, and non-voting members Matt Blackwelder and the Honorable Robert Spears. Meeting called to order by Chairman Lee Gabel at 6:10 p.m.

Agenda Approved

Motion to approve the meeting agenda was made by Wasland. Motion seconded, all in favor, agenda approved.

Minutes Approved

Motion to approve minutes of the June 19, 2018 meeting was made by VanDusen. Motion seconded, all in favor, minutes approved.

Update on Courthouse Remodel

Phase 1 of the courthouse remodel is nearing completion. Despite some delays, the Clerk of Courts office is expected to be completed within two weeks.

Review of Inmate Population Trends

Average Daily Population of the jail has been in the 60's, recently breaking into the 70's. The data, after a big spike and now moderating, is pretty much on track for what Garnos' study predicted in 2015. The judges feel that having an additional courtroom (added in the courthouse remodel) will very possibly reduce ADP, since the case load will be speeded up with two jury-capable courtrooms. This could have an impact on the jail population.

Discussion on Jail Space and Possible Locations

County Commissioners Lee Gabel and Brenda Hanten and City Council Members, Bruce Buhler and Mike Danforth met with the Mayor Caron earlier on August 14, 2108. The city has been talking about the auditorium block as a possible site for a future city hall. The city has been assisting the county in looking

at possible future jail locations. A “local government campus” idea has been suggested, encompassing the entire courthouse block and the at least the west side of the city auditorium block. This will have an impact upon whether or not a future jail could be constructed on the auditorium block (as was proposed to voters in June 2017). Other possible future jail sites were shown (see attachment). There are demolition issues and/or soil remediation issues with all the sites.

Budgeting for future pre-design services

All sites will require an evaluation for feasibility and suitability based on criteria such as construction costs and operational costs. The county commissioners previously had an architect help with pre-design services, and presently have a proposal from BKV architects to further develop the plan on the auditorium site. The 2019 county budget is currently being formulated. If an amount for pre-design services is requested and is put into the budget, it can be spent at any time during the coming year or can be unspent if it is not required. The needed services would be to refine the concept, evaluate site options, and evaluate the top options using criteria.

Koistinen motioned to recommend to the county commissioners that \$50K be placed into the 2019 budget for pre-design services, with the county commissioners to define an exact amount. Seconded by Gabel. After discussion, a motion to amend was made by Wasland to omit an amount, and to recommend that the county commissioners decide an amount to put into the 2019 budget for pre-design services. Motion to amend seconded by Koistinen; all in favor, motion to amend passed. After short discussion, the amended motion passed unanimously.

Future Meeting Dates

Monday Oct 29 was set as the next meeting date for CCJAC, at Lake Area Technical Institute, 6:10 p.m.

Unfinished business, new business, open

No further business and no public input were presented.

Kranz made a motion to adjourn, motion seconded, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Secretary
CCJAC

Date Approved