



**Champaign County Board
Facilities Committee
County of Champaign, Urbana, Illinois**

MINUTES – APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED ON SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

DATE: Tuesday, August 8, 2017
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
PLACE: Lyle Shields Meeting Room
Brookens Administrative Center
1776 E. Washington, Urbana, IL 61802

Committee Members

Present: Jack Anderson, Shana Crews, Stan Harper, Josh Hartke, Jon Rector, Giraldo Rosales
Absent: James Tinsley

County Staff: Rick Snider (County Administrator), Dana Brenner (Facilities Director), Tami Ogden (Deputy County Administrator of Finance), Tammy Asplund (Recording Secretary)

Others Present: Sheriff Dan Walsh and Captain Karee Voges, County Board Members Pius Weibel, Brooks Marsh, Pattsy Petrie, Aaron Esry, and Jim McGuire

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Committee Chair Hartke called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

II. Roll Call

A verbal roll call was taken and a quorum was declared present.

III. Approval of Agenda

MOTION by Mr. Rector to approve the agenda; seconded by Mr. Rosales. Upon vote, the **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

IV. Approval of Minutes – July 5, 2017

MOTION by Mr. Harper to approve the minutes of the July 5, 2017 meeting; seconded by Mr. Anderson. Upon vote, the **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

V. Public Participation

None

VI. Communications

None

VII. For Information Only

A. Champaign County July 19, 2017 letter to DOJ Regarding ADA Settlement 204-24-116

Tami Ogden stated the July 19 letter is the second report submitted to the Department of Justice, with the final report due next July. Ms. Ogden reminded the committee the settlement requires the Downtown Jail to be in compliance by April 2018. According to Ms. Ogden, Dana Jackson at the DOJ indicated it would grant an extension for that facility, contingent upon submission and approval of a plan and timeline for compliance. Ms. Ogden recommends the County submit the plan and timeline no later than March 2018.

B. Downtown Jail Discussion with Sheriff Dan Walsh

Sheriff Walsh stated he asked seven counties whether inmates could be housed (temporarily) at their facilities. According to Sheriff Walsh, only two counties agreed to consider it, but the total beds is not sufficient. Sheriff Walsh indicated in order to close the Downtown jail location; he needs a 24 unit, single cell, special needs addition for medical and mental health, in order to adequately address the current needs. Captain Voges provided several examples of why inmates require segregation, including gang affiliation, mental health, medical issues, and jail standard regarding charges.

Mr. Anderson asked what the County Board could do to help resolve the situation. Sheriff Walsh responded that it would require two things. The first is to build a single-story addition to the Satellite jail to include 24 single cells. The second item is 50 – 60 in a larger block, but divided into small segments.

Sheriff Walsh stressed that his priority is to provide a safe environment, for those who have to be in custody, as well as officers. He added that if the County finds a way to provide the two things he believes is required, the total number of beds would be less than exists today with the Downtown and Satellite locations. The committee discussed temporary housing options. According to Mr. Brenner, the cost associated with the containers is prohibitive.

Mr. Harper asked what effect the State of Illinois Department of Corrections plan to reduce incarcerated population is going to have on the County. Sheriff Walsh expressed concern over the type of categories of criminals that will be released early. He noted a recidivism rate less than 50% is uncommon.

The committee discussed temporary housing options. According to Mr. Brenner, the cost associated with the containers is prohibitive. Ms. Crews asked about the feasible options and timeline based on available funds. Mr. Snider responded money will be available through the Public Safety Sales Tax. Ms. Ogden added the debt service to be retired at the end of this fiscal year is approximately 1.1 million dollars. She commented that the Public Safety Sale Tax budget is still being worked on, but much of the amount is allotted for capital asset replacement and debt payment. According to Ms. Ogden, 2018 would be used for planning of the jail so funds would be dedicated to architectural and engineering services.

Ms. Petrie asked about potential use of electronic monitoring to reduce the jail population. Sheriff Walsh responded that the average number of people using this program is in the low teens and twenties. This is because many inmates do not meet the criteria; specifically non-violent offenders.

C. Update on ITB #2017-006 Satellite jail ADA Compliance Asphalt Project

Mr. Brenner stated there was only one response to the bid. He recommended new ITB #2017-010.

VIII. Items for Facilities Committee Approval

A. Approval for Authorization for ITB #2017-010 Satellite Jail ADA Compliance Project

He recommended the Invitation to Bid parameters be changed slightly. The new bid separates the ADA portion. Mr. Brenner expects to have enough time to complete the project on time.

MOTION by Ms. Crews to approve Authorization for ITB #2017-010; seconded by Mr. Anderson. Upon vote, the **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

IX. Items to be Recommended for County Board Approval

A. None

X. Facilities Director's Report

A. Update on Nursing Home Chiller Compressor Replacement Project

Mr. Brenner stated this project will be complete prior to September 26, 2017. He anticipates it will come in slightly under budget.

B. Update on Brookens 2-RTU's Replacement Project

Mr. Brenner explained due to a manufacturing issue, this project is delayed until mid to late October.

C. Update on Coroner's Office Generator Project

Mr. Brenner anticipates the new generator will arrive in mid-August.

XI. Other Business

None

XII. Chair's Report

Mr. Hartke stated the next Facilities Committee meeting is Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

XIII. Designation of Items to be Placed on the Consent Agenda

None

XIV. Adjournment

Mr. Hartke adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

***Please note the minutes reflect the order of the agenda and may not necessarily reflect the order of business conducted at the meeting.*