



**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD
FACILITIES COMMITTEE AGENDA
County of Champaign, Urbana, Illinois**

Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 6:30
Lyle Shields Meeting Room
Brookens Administrative Center
1776 E. Washington St., Urbana, IL 61802

Committee Members:

Stan Harper – Chair	Leah Taylor
Steve Summers – Vice Chair	James Tinsley
Mike Ingram	Jodi Wolken
Jon Rector	Charles Young

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

MINUTES – Approved as Distributed on February 4, 2020

DATE: Tuesday January 7, 2020
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
PLACE: Lyle Shields Meeting Room
Brookens Administrative Center, 1776 E. Washington St., Urbana IL 61802

Committee Members

Present: Steve Summers, Jon Rector, Charles Young, Jodi Wolken, Leah Taylor, James Tinsley, Stan Harper
Absent: Mike Ingram

County Staff: Dana Brenner (Facilities Director), Dan Busey (Recording Clerk)

Others Present: None

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call**
Committee Chair Stan Harper called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
- II. Approval of Agenda/Addenda**
MOVED by Ms. Taylor to approve the agenda; seconded by Mr. Young. Upon Vote, the **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
- III. Approval of Minutes – December 3, 2019**
MOVED by Ms. Taylor to approve the minutes; seconded by Mr. Young. Upon vote, the **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
- IV. Public Participation**
Rohn Koester addressed the committee regarding the demographics of the current Champaign County Jail population, historical jail information, and future plans.
- V. Communications**
Ms. Taylor informed the committee that Thursday January 9, 2020 State Representative Carol Ammons will host a town hall on Criminal Justice Reform at the City of Champaign City Council Chambers from 6-8 p.m. Mr. Rector pointed out that in the letter Ms. Ammons released it stated that there was a Jail Proposal, which there is not one at this time. Mr. Young stated that the NAACP is co-partnering with the project and that he would bring this to the attention of those that created the letter.

VI. New Business

A. Approval of Contract for ITB#2020-001 METCAD HVAC Replacement Project Bid Document.

Mr. Brenner explained the details of the METCAD HVAC Replacement Project Bid Document. The committee was provided with a Bid Tabulation Form (Handout VI-A-i) and a GHR Engineering Recommendation (Handout VI-A-ii). There were six bidders, the low bid being \$747,200 (United Mechanical Group, Inc.) and the highest bid was at \$943,000, an almost \$200,000 difference. United Mechanical, a local Champaign County business, purposely bid the lowest in an effort to go after the project and were very thorough in mapping out the project with their engineers. Mr. Brenner also mentioned that he would look into the 2018 and 2019 Capital Campaign to see what funds were still available to put toward to the project. **Motion** by Ms. Taylor to approve the METCAD HVAC Replacement Project Bid Document; seconded by Mr. Summers. Upon vote, the **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

B. Update on ITB#2020-002 Courthouse and JDC Video Security System Replacement Project.

Mr. Brenner informed the committee that an updated Project schedule was provided in the Agenda Packet for the Committee Members. It was discovered at the pre-bid meeting on December 18th, from the seven different companies, that the JDC Electronic Locks are very complicated to produce and require a lot of pre-preparation. This is the reason for extending the deadline. There will be another pre-bid meeting on January 8th at 2p.m. at the Brookens Administrative Building. Discussion followed.

C. Update on ITB#2019-002 JDC Roof Replacement Project

Mr. Brenner delivered an update on the JDC Roof Replacement Project. Informing the committee that the project is completed by the fixed deadline of December 18th. The warranty walk through of the EPDM provider is scheduled for January 8 at 7:30a.m. The final payments and final check issue will be prior to the end of this month, within the FY2019 budget deadline.

D. Update on ITB#2019-004 Brookens POD 100 Roof Replacement Project

Mr. Brenner informed the committee of the progress of the POD 100 Roof Replacement Project. The project is complete and is currently awaiting the warranty inspection. The inspection is likely to be done within the next week as well as final payments and final check issue will be prior to the end of this month, well within the FY2019 budget deadline.

VII. Other Business

Mr. Summers suggested that the Facility Committee begin having a dialogue about the Facilities Committees direction for their portion of the Jail Proposal creating a concrete plan to put forward to the public. Mr. Tinsley used the metaphor of school picture packages available to parents to describe the options available for the committee to choose from in describing the Jail Proposal. Going on to state that based on the study suggested that the committee does not necessarily need the "deluxe package" when determining how much to spend on the project. Mr. Harper stressed that the plan should be created in committee and then taken to the full board so the public can be educated on exactly what is being proposed. Mr. Summers mentioned that what is coming out of the Facilities Committee is not necessarily what the full board will decide and to make that clear to the public. Ms.

Wolken feels that the perception of some of the community is that the board is trying to build a bigger jail. She went on to state that the goal is not a bigger jail, but it is to close the downtown jail, and that changes need to be made to the Satellite Jail to do so. Ms. Wolken emphasized that the County Board needs to address the public that the plan is not necessarily a forty seven million dollar plan to build a bigger jail. Mr. Young questioned how as a committee they could convey this to the public. Mr. Harper explained that to provide the services and requirements of today's standards that the community should be educated about where the money is being spent. Mr. Brenner suggested having further discussion that would include the sheriff and architects on the committee level to see what exactly is possible. Mr. Harper described the cost of not doing anything with the Downtown Jail and the liability issues that lie within.

VIII. Presiding Officer's Report

A. Future Meeting – Tuesday, February 4, 2020

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

None.

X. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:59 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.***

Bid Tabulation Form

PROJECT NAME: Security Camera, Detention Monitoring and Control Systems Upgrade

DATE: January 30, 2020
TIME: 2:00 pm

CLIENT: County of Champaign
LOCATION: 101 East Main / 400 Art Bartell Road
GHR PROJECT: 7257

Contractor	Addenda - 5	Bid Security	Base Bid - Courthouse	Base Bid - JDC	Base Bid - Combined	Remarks
Johnson Controls (Typco)	✓	✓	\$476,837	\$241,373	\$718,210	N/A
SAS	✓	✓	\$578,000	\$340,000	\$918,000	N/A
Siemens	X	✓	X	X	X	Did not submit.



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TO: Stan Harper, Facilities Committee Chair
FROM: Dustin D. Heuerman, Sheriff *DH*
DATE: January 17, 2020
RE: Jail Consolidation and Renovation

I recently spoke with Representative Carol Ammons about pre-trial reform legislation that is likely going to be considered in 2020. I'm told that it has the potential to reduce the number of inmates in our custody, but by how many is not currently known as this is in the very early stages of development. I do hope it helps to reduce the jail population and thereby some of the issues we are commonly seeing in the jails. I'm inclined to believe that this reform will not reduce the jail population drastically, though, because of the offenses that inmates in my custody are accused of committing, but I honestly have no idea since the legislation has not yet been passed. Representative Ammons expressed the desire to have some type of reform in place by January 2021. This intended reform should be taken into consideration when discussing any criminal justice infrastructure plans here in Champaign County.

I want to be clear, though, that we continue to have issues at the downtown and satellite jails that adversely affect both operations and the welfare of inmates in our custody. Consolidation and renovation will be needed to address the needs of both our inmates and our employees; however, I want to make sure we are making the changes that are appropriate and make the most sense. It is difficult to predict what the future will bring.

I also realize that we continue to be one major issue away from having to invest large amounts of money into the downtown jail, or to house inmates from the downtown jail in other counties. Based on the downtown jail's daily population average of 47 inmates in 2019, and the estimated average cost \$100/inmate/day for housing inmates in other counties, if we did have to close the downtown jail and relocate inmates because of an issue it would cost Champaign County approximately \$1,715,500 per year. There is no guarantee that the surrounding counties would be able to house all of these inmates and we would still be responsible for transporting the inmates to and from court appearances, which would also likely increase our operating costs. Due to operational constraints and classification issues, it is possible additional inmates would also need to be relocated.

Considering the above information, there are several routes that can be taken. While the decision is ultimately up to the County Board, I wanted to make sure the Facilities Committee is informed of the most likely options, including possible ramifications of those options, which are listed in no particular order.

- 1) Move forward with the plan “as-is” as it meets all the current and anticipated future needs of Champaign County;
- 2) Move forward with the plan “as-is” but reduce the number of beds by 54. While this will meet the maximum numbers of inmates we have experienced lately, it doesn’t allow much fluctuation in jail population, a population the Sheriff’s Office has no control over. The Board will need to recognize that an additional cost of approximately \$100/inmate/day for each inmate we house outside of the county will be incurred if we don’t have enough space to safety house and properly classify inmates in our custody. This would require an increased budget for Corrections.
- 3) Move forward with a minimal plan for increasing the capacity at the Satellite jail to allow the downtown jail to be closed. It should be noted, though, that when drafting the original jail consolidation plan community input into things like a “softer” booking area, more program space, and larger visitation area were incorporated. These would likely not be an option under this minimal plan. This addition would have to be for special management housing and large enough to house all of the inmate numbers typically housed at the downtown jail.
- 4) Postpone any plans to consolidate/renovate the jails and give the pre-trial reform legislation a reasonable amount of time to see the impact on jail population. While we are waiting to see the results of the pretrial reform, I would recommend investing resources in the Sheriff’s Office and its relocation plan. Regardless of the effects of legislation on the jail, the issues with the Sheriff’s Office will still need to be addressed. An updated Sheriff’s Office facility is imperative to operating more effectively and efficiently, allowing us to better serve the residents and visitors of Champaign County.

I support pre-trial reform and hope it succeeds in reducing the jail population and providing more community resources. I am also working in the community to try and bring more community resources to divert people from being arrested. For some reason a lot of emphasis has been put on the Sheriff having say over pre-trial reform when I actually have a minimal role in the process. I have much more ability to help affect change in how inmates are treated when they are in my facility, which is why my goal with this jail consolidation/renovation plan is to improve that environment. While I have very little say in who is in my custody, I see myself as part of the conversation with the State’s Attorney and judges. As Sheriff, though, I also have to address the deficiencies we are currently experiencing in order to help provide a better environment for inmates and correctional officers. I fear that if we continue to not take appropriate action with the downtown jail, an inmate or correctional officer could be severely injured or public safety could be at risk. It might be easy to advocate against any resources being put into a jail, but the reality is that the issues will need addressed one way or another – either by investing in a facility that better meets our needs or in our current facilities when there is a major issue that has to be

unexpectedly repaired or replaced – or worse yet, an unexpected issue that forces the closure of the downtown jail before a relocation plan is in place.

As you know, there were many issues at the downtown jail in 2019. Some of these included the cell doors randomly opening and closing, a leaking roof that can barely be repaired anymore, a cockroach infestation, parts of the deteriorating building being removed that could potentially be used as weapons by inmates and incidents where correctional officers were attacked. Dana and his team quickly work to address issues that come up, but the issues seem to be increasing in number and severity. We also continue to struggle with adequately addressing inmates with mental illness in both facilities. While I am working with community groups and legislators to develop community alternatives for those with mental illness who might be better served outside of jail, I cannot whole-heartedly turn a blind eye to the reality of our current needs regarding mentally ill inmates and adequate facilities to address those needs. I am not only worried about the safety of inmates and staff at the downtown jail, but also about the work and living environment they experience every day.

My goal for the future is to continue to regularly keep the Facilities Committee informed of deficiencies seen in the Sheriff's Office and jails so that this Committee and the County Board can make an informed decision on how to best invest taxpayer money on infrastructure. As always, I am available for any discussion or questions you or the Committee might have.

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