

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

MINUTES – Approved as Distributed February 22, 2024

DATE: Wednesday November 3, 2021
TIME: 6:33 p.m.
PLACE: Shields-Carter Meeting Room
Brookens Administrative Center, 1776 E. Washington St., Urbana IL 61802

Committee Members

Present: Kyle Patterson, Brad Passalacqua, Chris Stohr, Steve Summers

Absent: Stan Harper, Jim McGuire, Leah Taylor

County Staff: Darlene Kloepfel (County Executive), Dustin Heureman (Sheriff), Jim Goss (County Board Member), Dan Busey (Recording Clerk)

Others Present:

Agenda Items

- I. Call to Order**
Committee Chair Patterson called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.
- II. Roll Call**
Upon Roll Call 4 committee members were shown to be present via zoom and a quorum was determined.
- III. Approval of Agenda/Addendum**
Moved by Mr. Summers to approve the agenda; seconded by Mr. Passalacqua Upon Roll Call Vote, the **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
- IV. Approval of Minutes – October 5, 2021**
Moved by Mr. Passalacqua to approve the minutes from the meeting on October 5th; seconded by Mr. Stohr Upon Roll Call Vote, the **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
- V. Public Participation**
Rohn Koester spoke regarding jail consolidation, closing downtown jail, and that he believes that jailing is driven by policy. Mr. Koester detailed jail population statistics and ways in which to drive down jail populations.
- VI. Communications**
There were no communications from committee members.

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VII. New Business

- A. A discussion was had over possible Bond options. Option to use \$12 Million Alternative Revenue Bonds Repaid Over 20 Years. Option to use \$13 Million Alternative Revenue Bonds Repaid Over 20 Years. Mr. Passalacqua inquired about committing more ARPA Funds to the project and possibly using bonds for other projects, programs, etc. Mr. Patterson and Mr. Passalacqua had a conversation about ARPA Funds, CARF Funds, and bonds. Mr. Summers, Mr. Passalacqua, and Mr. Patterson discussed the option of Geothermal Energy as an addition to the project. Mr. Stohr said he believed that bonds should be used as it is the counties responsibility to maintain buildings. Mr. Stohr went on to say that Geothermal is a big upfront cost, but he believes that the county would re-coup the cost. Mr. Passalacqua stated he could support geothermal if the costs can be recouped.
- B. Recommendation to the County Board for Jail Facility Project and Funding.
Mr. Stohr said that he believes there is no money or plan to rehab the existing health care area to create space for programing and education. Mr. Stohr went on to say that not creating this space would be a missed opportunity and that he would like the architect to address this. Mr. Passalacqua gave his support of this and stated that the bare bones plan has overlooked many shortcomings of the current facility. Mr. Patterson voiced his support of getting the architects input on this. Sheriff Heureman said he believes it would not take a lot of money to get the existing space ready for mental health or classrooms. Mr. Stohr recommended the August 19th, 2021 Reifsteck Reid & Co. "Champaign County Public Safety Facilities Master Plan Update" to have an Addition of HVAC – Geothermal option for New Additions of \$500,000 with an Estimated Total Cost: \$20,401,448. Mr. Stohr recommended a Financial Plan to use CARF funds to cover jail design up to (\$2,289,547), ARPA funds not currently allocated in FY2022 budget up to (\$5,000,000), and Alternative revenue bonds repaid over twenty years up to (\$13,000,000). Mr. Stohr also went on to recommended that the plan should include renovation of the existing health care area for the purpose of inmate and staff education. County Executive Kloeppel and Mr. Patterson had a brief discussion about the specifics of ARPA Funds and how they were to be allocated within the next two years. Mr. Summers seconded Mr. Stohrs' recommendation. Upon Roll Call Vote the Recommendation was approved to take to the full County Board.

VIII. Other Business

A brief discussion between Mr. Passalacqua and Ms. Kloeppel was had about the option of the County possibly acquiring the County Plaza Building.

IX. Chair's Report

None.

X. Adjournment

The Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.