

Carroll County Inmate Housing Committee Meeting Minutes
First Floor Conference Room, Courthouse
March 6th, 2024

Call to Order at 8:45 A.M.

Roll Call found William Iske, James Rieck, Julie Bickelhaupt and Chris Flikkema to be present.

Also in attendance were Sheriff Kloepping, Matt Magill, and board chairman Joe Payette.

Motion to approve previous minutes was made by Julie, second by Chris and voice vote carried.

This meeting was a presentation and discussion provided by Wold Architecture firms. Through the presentation it was presented that a jail for 23-31 bed spaces would be the size the county would need to look into. This equates to a total footprint of 14000-15000 square feet. After going through different criteria that made up their equation there was discussion on possible addition locations in relation to the existing building. The general thought was to add on to the east, and possibly take the parking lot and maybe treasurer's office to accomplish the footage needed.

The question was asked of Wold of what the building size would need to be if there was the desire to relocate the entire courtroom and judicial system, the answer was the rule of thumb is 10000 square feet per court room to accommodate the necessary personnel.

Wold was tasked with bringing more complete costs associated with locating the jail to outside the county (House Inmates Out-of- County option) as well as some follow information for the renovation and addition options.

Following the presentation there was open discussion with all present. Some key points from this discussion included,

- central dispatching for a region of the state was not in the near future,
- having off site housing poses the greatest number of variables,
- the county and local governments need to increase involvement with each other to get public support for any option that is chosen and to help address county wide judicial systems,

- involving an engineer to help utilize space is crucial as well as having jailers/correction officers' input to find solutions that work to daily tasks and operation,
- the volume of inmates appears to be steady to maybe slightly higher over time.

The next meeting will look at some revisions to the presented options and hope to give a further idea on the costs to be associated.

The next Meeting was scheduled for March 20th, 2024.

Motion to adjourn by Julie, second by Chris

Voice Carried

Adjourn 10:52 AM

Submitted by Chris Flikkema