

PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

MINUTES

TUESDAY,
October 23, 2018

11:34

JUSTICE BUILDING -
JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, 2ND FLOOR

MEETING CALLED BY	Eric Guyer
ATTENDEES	Joe Charter, Marie Curren, Doug Engle, Eric Guyer, Beth Heckert, Brett Johnson, Danny Jordan, Jennifer Lind, Lorenzo Mejia, Mark Reagles, Aja Stoner, John Stromberg, Nate Sickler, Bob Strosser, Rita Sullivan, Joe Ferguson, Robert Mountain, Bill Froelick, Joshua Aldrich, Adam Walport, Justin Stranzl, Carla Weinheimer, Tommy Jones, John Hamilton, A. John Watson

- Eric Guyer opened the meeting at 11:34
- Opening Remarks: Eric Guyer began the meeting noting that some attendees requested information on how a PCSS agenda is set. He suggested one way an attendee could make a recommendation or voice their idea is to directly submit to him what they would like to have on the agenda. Eric informed PCSS members that he would submit that request to the executive committee and they would make the decision on how the agenda is set.

Agenda Topics

MINUTE ADOPTION – SEPTEMBER

ERIC GUYER, CHAIR

DISCUSSION	
No suggested revisions were identified for September minutes. Danny Jordan provided a motion to adopt, seconded by Jennifer Lind. A vote was requested, all were in favor, and none were opposed. The September minutes were officially adopted.	

ELECTION OF NEW PSCC VICE CHAIR

ERIC GUYER, CHAIR

DISCUSSION	
Danny Jordan was nominated as Vice-chair by Mark Orndoff on September 25, 2018, and it was seconded by Sheriff Nate Sickler. A vote was requested, all were in favor, and none were opposed.	

JAIL AND MARIJUANA UPDATE

DISCUSSION	
<p><i>Nathan Sickler – Jackson County Sheriff</i></p> <p>Time lines to reach a goal of November 2019 Ballot Measure for a Service District and Jail Project. Estimated cost of Service District:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A poll was taken of Jackson County Residents in March of 2018 to determine their willingness to pay \$1.09 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The cost was broken down into two different amounts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - .35 cents for building and .74 cents for jail operations - The lower rate of .35 cents was much more favorable than the combined \$1.09 • It is believed the project can be done with less of a burden to property owners, it will just take longer to complete. <p>Timelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 5th, 2018 – First meeting with DLR • October 8th, 2018 – Contract finalized with DLR • October 16th, 2018 – Land deal approved by BOC – 120 day closing – due diligence • October 29th and 30th, 2018 – Programming meetings – Staff and Stake Holders • November 5th, 2018 – Site review • November 19th, 2018 – Project Review • December 3rd – December 14th, 2018 – Cost estimates will be gathered • December 18th, 2018 – Review of Document • Final report done by the end of the year • Update the Board of Commissioners (BOC) with cost estimates <p>Proposed Jail Site:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new proposed location will provide better access to the current sheriff's office. The lot size is large enough to expand for future needs. <p>Requirements for Service District:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 17th, 2019 – Order initiating formation of the Service District (pending approval of BOC based on cost analysis) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consent from all incorporated cities to be included into the Service District. 	

Mayor John Stromberg asked if there was going to be some kind of adjustment downward in the County tax rate when the Service District becomes live. Danny Jordan answered no. Danny explained that the county will continue to fund the current rate to operate the jail which is \$14 million. The taxing District will only pay for that increment of additional cost. The County will continue to bare the current burden. It is not offsetting the cost of the County, it is paying only that increment of additional cost to the County.

Sheriff Nathan Sickler continued with the requirements for the Service District timeline...

- July 17th, 2019 – Initial Public Hearing on formation of the Service District
- August 7th, 2019 – Final Public Hearing on formation of Service District and for BOC to call for special election on formation of the District.
- November 5th, 2019 – Election Day

Danny Jordan added that if any city chooses not to participate in this project, it is highly unlikely that the County will pursue a Service District because the redistribution of the costs to the other cities would cause the rate to go up.

Sheriff Nathan Sickler continued with the requirements for the Service District timeline...

There may be two options if the Service District proposal goes to voters and passes.

- Build sooner, use a similar number of staff and open 400 to 500 beds (will still need more operating costs)
- Build in a few years and open a full jail in 2025 (estimated)

Justin Stranzl – DLR Group

Introduced himself and Carla Weinheimer, who are both from the Portland Office. They are present to solicit input from members of the PSCC regarding jail design.

The DLR Group is an international architectural Design Group with 1200 employees in numerous locations throughout the USA. They have a long history of providing Public Sector projects in Oregon and across the Pacific Northwest. Similar projects with jails and other correctional facilities include a Washington State project and the Crook County Jail project in Oregon that is currently under construction.

Justin Stranzl stated that he is going to record while Carla Weinheimer facilitates.

Carla Weinheimer – DLR Group

Pre-design study: Understanding how the jail fits in with the continuum of services in Jackson County is an important part of the programming effort. The degree of interest in regards to providing services within the jail relative to programming and the relationship to services that can be provided by Jackson County. Every county has a different approach to how services are provided and to how jails are operated.

DLR Group will be able to create a model on how the projected jail should operate and provide an educated estimate of the cost to run the facility.

Topics mentioned between members of the PSCC:

- Mental Health Services
- Alcohol and Drug Services
- Medical Services
- Community Resources
- Reentry Services
- Parenting Services
- Transgender Housing/Services
- Secure telephone and attorney visits

Mayor John Stromberg addressed the relief issue with lower level offender triage, revenues from tourists decreasing from the smoke and wildfires, and the housing issue for offender reentry.

Eric Guyer voiced his concern with officer safety and wellness and how that would be addressed within the design of the project.

Danny Jordan stated that based on a study done in 2006 Jackson County has had more people in alternative custody than in jail; community service, alcohol treatment, sex offender treatment, house arrest, mental health treatment. He proposes a 1,000 bed facility based on his own personal experience with assisting other counties with building jails, and on jail and community needs.

An educational push will continue from now until the decision is made to go forward with the project. A documentary on the impacts of the Criminal Justice System is being filmed and will be a good tool to push out public to get people thinking about the impacts of the Criminal Justice System.

Mayor John Stromberg asked if there is a strategy for the political campaign. He mentioned that an educational push would be valuable, but it is not the same thing as having a political strategy for getting this project funded.

Danny Jordan stated that Jackson County does not usually create a political strategy until the decision has been made on the project. Currently, the Board of Commissioners has entered into a purchase agreement under the consideration of purchasing land, which has not been done as of yet. If the Board of Commissioners decide to move forward, there should be a political strategy in place.

In response to past remarks, Danny Jordan reiterated that an average of costs is based on a list of jails that have been built in the past and will be close to about \$150 million. He added that Jackson County would need .74 cents to generate \$14 million to meet current costs, but if the operating budget was doubled to \$28 million and moved to an efficiently created podular design, Jackson County may get triple capacity for double the cost.

Danny Jordan extended an invitation to any PSCC member or citizen interested in the planning and budget discussions of the Service District and jail project to read BOC meeting minutes. He thanked DLR Group for their presence, for contracting with Jackson County, and for gathering important information for their pre-design study.

Carla Weinheimer said that when doing cost models, one of the biggest variables is the land cost because each site is unique. She thanked the members for doing their due diligence in advance on the proposed jail site as it is extremely helpful in site modeling.

MARIJUANA GRANTS

The DLR Group was thanked for attending and speaking at the meeting.

Oregon State was officially put on notice to provide more resources to deal with the marijuana issues surrounding Jackson and Josephine Counties in particular. Oregon State Police created a three person team created by marijuana revenues to work the southwest regional counties.

Jackson County was awarded approximately \$577,000 from a grant for a four person marijuana team that will be attached to MADGE since that infrastructure is already in place. The hiring process has started and Jackson County currently has three laterals in background and one in training, with a few entry level candidates at the Academy. By next grow season the team should be up and in full force to work the marijuana market.

The District Attorney has hired a person that will focus solely on Marijuana cases.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER BUSINESS

ERIC GUYER, CHAIR

DISCUSSION	
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There were no announcements.

Next Scheduled PSCC Meeting: January 22, 2019

Meeting Adjourned: 12:52 pm