



6/28/23- Jail Steering Committee – Meeting Minutes

Project: Beltrami County Jail
Date: 6/28/23
Meeting Location: County Commission Work Room
Start Time: 10:00 AM

MEETING ATTENDEES: * (Indicates attended remotely via conference call)

<u>Present</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Company</u>
X	Tim Sumner	Beltrami County
X	Richard Anderson	Beltrami County
	Jorge Prince	City of Bemidji
X	Jason Riggs	Beltrami County
X	Calandra Allen	Beltrami County
X	Tom Barry	Beltrami County
X	Jarrett Walton	Beltrami County
	Trisha Hansen	DOC
	Darrell Seki	Red Lake Nation
*	Jerry Loud	Red Lake Nation Liaison
	Faron Jackson	Leech Lake Nation
X	Wendy Spry	DOC Tribal Liaison
	Joe Vene	Citizen
X	John Henningsgaard	Citizen
X	Donny Wilcox	Construction Engineers
X	Ben Matson	Construction Engineers
	Kirsten Carolin	Construction Engineers
*	Bruce Kimmel	Ehlers Public Finance Advisors
X	Scott Fettig	Klein McCarthy Architects
	Danielle Reid	Klein McCarthy Architects
*	Tom Weber	Just Us Services

1. Introductions – Tom Weber – Just Us Services

- A. Tom Weber introduced himself and went over his experience providing services to over 100 different tribes with his company. Tom W noted that Red Lake Nation is in a unique position as one of only 2 tribes in the country eligible for SAMHSA Block Grants. Tom W often reviews these and could be able to assist in putting together a grant application if desired.
- B. Jerry L noted that Red Lake Nation has received a Re-Entry Grant to work with those leaving the correctional facility training to get back into the workforce. Similar grants may be available for the Beltrami County Jail.

2. Discussion - Programming Committee membership

Ben M noted that Commissioner Gould had e-mailed him noting that he felt additional Indigenous persons and a Chemical Dependency Counselor should be added to the Programming Committee. After discussing this request, it was noted that these are both

represented pretty well already and that this request should be tabled until after the Programming Committee meets again with KMA to see what has been developed in the designs relating to Programming Spaces.

3. Updates/Reports

A. Design Team meetings with All Committees on 6/12 & 6/13

Ben M & Scott F reported that these meetings all went well and the needed information and discussions on the next steps in the process took place.

B. Site Due Diligence

- i. Phase I, Soil Borings, & Archaeological on the Weibolt Property. Ben M reported that Phase I study has been completed and was forwarded to him this AM. He reported that Soil Borings and Archaeological studies are scheduled for Mid- July.
- ii. CUP/Re-Zoning items for the property must be submitted by 6/30 at 12:00. Ben M and Scott F are meeting with Mark Fuller from Freeberg & Grund to finalize things related to the application immediately following this meeting.

C. Bonding Request

- i. Tom B reported that he submitted a \$50 Million Bonding request last week. If approved, bonding requires a 50% match by the County.
- ii. The County has their Lobbyist working to help advance the request in St Paul. If approved to move forward, the State will require a Pre-Design package to be submitted in October.

4. Public Communications

- i. 6/20/23 Public Hearing. This meeting brought out a large group of people. Some of their comments and the newspaper comments/coverage were discussed by the Committee. The committee noted that regardless of facts and figures being presented the comments were emotional and basically all came back to “not in my neighborhood.” The County has scheduled a Special Commission meeting to be held in a Closed Session at 3:00 today (6/28/23) to discuss the land purchase.
- ii. Tom B reported on the County’s meeting with the Chamber on 6/13. The meeting went well, and the County was able to explain the need to build and finance with the LOST. The message was received, and good dialog took place.
- iii. Sheriff Riggs reported that he continues to meet with small groups whenever possible to get the word out about the upcoming vote.

5. Pre-design ahead of Election

Scott F updated the committee that he has been meeting with Calandra to discuss how the housing pods should be split up since this was not a part of the Justice Planners needs assessment. Other elements to the building will be easier to determine as they are more standardized. Additional similar meetings will take place in the coming weeks.

6. Existing Facility Items – Not Discussed

7. Upcoming Tasks/Discussion items

- A. Ben M noted that according to Jodee Treat in the Finance Committee Meeting Ballot Language and any board resolutions need to be complete by early September. Early voting starts 45 days before the election or roughly 9/20.

Next Jail Steering Committee Meeting – Next Meeting is scheduled for 7/12/23 @ 10:00 AM (County Work Room)

Attachments: None