



8/24/22- Jail Steering Committee (Post Justice Planners Presentation) – Meeting Minutes

Project: Beltrami County Jail
Date: 8/24/22
Meeting Location: County Commission Work Room
Start Time: 11:30 AM

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

Present	Name	Company
X	Tim Sumner	Beltrami County
X	Richard Anderson	Beltrami County
X	Jorge Prince	City of Bemidji
X	Ernie Beitel	Beltrami County
X	Calandra Allen	Beltrami County
X	Tom Barry	Beltrami County
X	Jarrett Walton	Beltrami County
X	Trisha Hansen	DOC
	Daryl Seki	Red Lake Nation
	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
*	James Hand	Construction Engineers
	Kirsten Carolin	Construction Engineers
X	Alan Richardson	Justice Planners
X	Patrick Jablonski	Justice Planners

1. The Steering Committee met following the Needs Assessment/Feasibility Study presentation by Justice Planners. The topics on the agenda for the meeting were specific to the Needs Assessment/Feasibility Study and Communications related to the Public Input Period.

- A. Alan & Patrick attended the first portion of the committee meeting to debrief from the presentation and to specifically address the concern that was brought up about the Incarceration Alternatives. Patrick noted that the report indicates that the range of inmates eligible for EHM is between 8% and 33% of the population. This figure is dependent on everyone having perfectly clean criminal histories and based on what the Judiciary will allow. Pre-trial could also be an area to explore and could have an impact on the jail population if changes can be made.
- B. James H was online to discuss the communications during the Public Input period starting tomorrow. The website will be updated with two options for comments. One button will be to make general comments and the other will be to take the survey. Hyperlinks will be

added to the survey to bring respondents to the report. The survey questions related to the seven alternatives will be moved towards the end of the questionnaire. The Finance Committee will meet following this meeting to work through the language related to what can be financed through a local option sales tax. For consistency “Jail” will be utilized instead of “detention center” and “services” will be used instead of “programming.” Other minor changes to the Survey will be incorporated and the plan is to make this “go live” by the end of the day tomorrow (8/25/22). Survey responses will be provided to the commissioners at the 9/22/22 meeting for their review.

Next Jail Steering Committee Meeting – Next Meeting is scheduled for 10:30 AM on 9/7/22. (County Work Room)

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Attachment: None