

December 7, 2023

The Grant County Commission met for a special meeting at 10:00 AM with Commissioners Mach, Stengel, and Tostenson present. Commissioner Street and Buttke were absent. Present from the jail advisory committee were Dave Page, Greg Thomas, Dan Snaza, Travis Lester and Adam Hunt. Chairman Mach called the meeting to order. The purpose of the meeting was to meet with Corey Johnson of Johnson Construction, Adam Keuhl with HMN Architects and Tom Grimmond with Colliers Securities and jail committee members to review preliminary drawings and projected costs of the Detention Center (DC). Motion by Stengel and seconded by Tostenson to approve the agenda. Motion carried 3-0. Staff members present were Commissioner Assistant Layher, States Attorney Schwandt, Sheriff Owen, Deputy Sheriff Folk. Present from the public, Kathy Ward of Valley Express News.

Three options were presented. Option A – Remodel the existing 5,250 sq ft of the jail. This estimate assumes that the building will be vacated, and the interior will be demolished and remodeled to bring the facility up to current building and safety codes. This option will not be ACA compliant; although recommended, it is not required. Option B – Remodel present building for the jail and add an office addition. This option will be code and ACA compliant. Option C – Demo existing facility and build new jail, dispatch, and sheriff office. This option will be code and ACA compliant. All the options would be for a 20-bed facility.

Several topics brought up were: 1) Safety concerns for the DC staff and the public, 2) Not being ACA compliant with Option A, 3) The time and cost of having to transport inmates to other facilities during the remodel or rebuilding on the same site 4) Funding the project and 5) Building a new jail at a different location.

The Commission asked Johnson Construction and HMN Architects to prepare another option to build a jail at a different location on county property and to repurpose the existing detention center for administrative offices. A meeting date of December 19, 2023 at 1:30 PM was set to review the new proposal.

It is the policy of Grant County, South Dakota, not to discriminate against the handicapped in employment or the provision of service.

The next scheduled meeting dates will be December 19 and 29, 2023 and January 2 and 16, 2024 at 8 AM in the basement meeting room. Motion by Tostenson and seconded by Stengel to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned.

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Kathy Folk, Grant County Auditor

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Michael J. Mach, Chairman, Grant County Commissioners