

**JOINT SPECIAL MEETING
FOUNTAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S & COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 23, 2017
6:30 P.M.**

The Fountain County Commissioners and Council met on Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. for a Joint Special Meeting.

The following Fountain County Commissioners were present at the meeting:
Craig Stalter, Don Hesler, and Tim Shumaker.

The following Fountain County Council members were present at the meeting:
Dudley Cruea, Tom Booe, Jim Mckee, Dale Clawson, Joe Whittington and Bill Glover.
Jim Hershberger was absent.

Others present were: Eric B. Ratts, AIA Principal Architect from DLZ; County Attorney, Terry Martin; Sheriff, Bill Sanders; Prosecutor, Daniel Askren & Auditor, Brenda Hardy.

Eric Ratts presented to the Council members and other Commissioners a booklet including the demographics of Fountain County, the interview process about the jail opening in 1980 with a 25 rated bed capacity, the Jail Feasibility Study, & other information that DLZ wanted to highlight regarding other Counties with similar population and their jails. Discussion was given by Eric on DLZ's Correctional experience, jails currently on their design boards, the steps involved in a jail project: planning, design, construction and occupancy & the feasibility study and what really happens. The County will need to decide if they need to build a new jail vs. expansion, projected number of beds, costs of sending inmates to other counties, developing a successful process if they decide to build a new jail considering the existing jail site conditions.

Probable Project Costs:

Option 1 – Hard Construction Costs - \$9,500,000 to \$10,500,000

*Based on building a new sheriff's office, 96 bed jail; intake booking processing and related spaces; kitchen, laundry, staff areas, and associated spaces (expandable to 150 beds). Approx. 35,000 square feet.

Option 2 – Hard Construction Costs - \$2,250,000 to \$2,750,000

*Based on adding a new 911 Dispatch, Community Corrections Admin., and up to 24 bed residential work release to option 1. Approx. 12,000 gross square feet.

Total Project Costs: option 1 & 2 could be \$15,000,000 to \$17,000,000

*Estimated based on a Summer 2018 Bidding Period.

Questions and discussions were addressed to Eric when he was done going through his presentation.

Dudley reviewed the rates of the Local Income Tax and what LIT funds Fountain County receives now. Legislation would need to pass the bill so that Fountain County could impose a tax in order to proceed with funding of a new jail. The rate amount is to be determined. The legislators will be in session until April 21, 2017.

A motion was made by Joe Whittington and seconded by Dale Clawson to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Vote: 9-0

No other matters were discussed or voted on.

Craig Stalter

Don Hesler

Tim Shumaker

Attest-Brenda Hardy