

Public Property & Law Enforcement Committee Meeting  
February 7, 2017 at 9:00 am  
County Board Room

Present: Donna Williamson, Jerry Teague, Norm Couture, Ken Wheeler

Excused: Gary Kabasa

Others: Jeff Beirl, Lori Schmidt, Pete Russo, Tom Powleit, Dorothy Tank, Terry Schemenauer, Heather Schutte, Mick Brennan, Jim Gregoire, Mayor Deb Lewis

Donna Williamson called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Motion by Jerry Teague, second by Norm Couture to approve the January 5, 2017 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Norm Couture, second by Jerry Teague to place the Custodial yearly report on the March, 2017 meeting agenda. Motion carried.

Tom Powleit from Venture Architects was present today regarding re-modeling vs. building a new law enforcement center. Re-modeling of the existing jail could be done with the purchase of additional land; however it would not be able to house everyone as in past discussion and would also only be a 30-40 year fix with no further expansion possible in the future. Tom Powleit stated that an addition of a jail pod of 100-125 bed would be very staff efficient. If the County is considering building new, a minimum of a 10 acre parcel would be needed. The building of a new jail and housing other departments would run around \$28 - \$30 million. Discussion followed. Motion by Ken Wheeler, second by Jerry Teague to not place everything on the present site and to search for an alternate site. Motion carried.

Mick Brennan handed out the Sheriff's report for review and discussion. At present there are 63 inmates, 13 on monitor and 10 boarded out. A resolution regarding the borrowing of \$32,524.99 for a new prisoner transport van was presented and discussed. Motion by Norm Couture, second by Jerry Teague to approve the resolution and to move it to the full Board for action. Motion carried.

Dorothy Tank was present today regarding the mitigation grant that Ashland County approved in the past. Due to the storm in July 2016, there are presently 4 homes that qualify for this grant. 1 of these home is in a flood plain and needs an acquisition/demo, 1 is an acquisition of landslide property in the Town of Ashland, and 2 are a relocate of landslide properties in Marengo and Morse. Applications to apply for the grant is March 6, 2017. According to the qualifications 12.5% is to be paid by the County which was unknown when Ashland County originally approved of this grant. 75% is paid by FEMA and the last 12.5% is paid by the State. The homeowner does not have to pay anything. Discussion followed. Motion by Jerry Teague, second by Norm Couture stating that the County is not interested in paying the 12.5%. Motion carried.

Dorothy Tank proceeded with the Emergency Management report. At this time FEMA funding has not been received by anyone for the storm damage in July 2016. Dorothy also held discussion regarding US Forest roads which is an ongoing problem from the storm damage.

Vouchers were reviewed at this time. Motion by Jerry Teague, second by Norm Couture to approve vouchers for payment. Motion carried.

The next meeting was scheduled for March 7, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room.

Donna Williamson adjourned the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

Lori Schmidt  
Administrative Assistant