



## Community Corrections Planning Meeting Minutes May 6, 2014 6:00 pm

Members Present: Daniel Ward, David Berry, Edward Philpot, John Thomas, Steve Nedeau, Craig Wiggin, Ken Brace, Gary Goudreau, Debra Shackett, Alida Millham, Laura Brissette from Genesis (for Maggie Pritchard) and Angela Bovill.

Absent: Brian Loanes, Maggie Pritchard and Miller Lovett.

Commissioner Philpot, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**Minutes:** M/Thomas, S/Ward to approve the 04/15/14 minutes as written. Unanimous. **Motion passes.**

**Presentation to Delegation:** Chair Philpot talked about a presentation to the Delegation to request the bond for \$2.96 million and how the committee wants to go about it. He is not hopeful based on how the Delegation voted against the Supplemental Appropriation request for the Nursing Home CBA. Chair Philpot indicated that at their 04/30/14 Commissioners meeting, the Board discussed the recommendation of the Jail Planning Committee to seek a \$2.96 million dollar bond of the Delegation. The Board felt discouraged with the inability to communicate with the Delegation. They were considering not making the request, but would be happy to have their minds changed. The Delegation is holding a meeting on May 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm to talk about the jail. Administrator Shackett suggested that the Superintendent take the lead on a presentation to the Delegation and that the Commissioners support the effort. The Committee unanimously concurred. They would like to go before the Delegation and want to make a request to the Chair of the Delegation that the committee be a part of their May 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. Ms. Millham also feels that it is best for the Superintendent to make the presentation behalf of the committee and have the Commissioners there in support. Members unanimously concur. Administrator Shackett will contact the Chair of the Delegation and request the Jail Planning Committee be put on their meeting agenda.

Superintendent Ward shared statistics. The DOC had 110 inmates last week. Once that number reaches 120, they will have to send inmates out. At 120 they will be at 137% capacity. The Jail needs the temporary housing and the Delegation needs to hear this and be accountable. The Berlin prison was supposed to cost \$230 million, but ultimately cost \$276 million. That is \$46 million over budget due to the fact that they were forced to build according to Federal standards.

If we do not spear head this, someone else will. Chair Philpot agreed that no one ever liked the \$42 million number. But we need new, good data on overall costs of construction in New Hampshire (& soft costs). The committee can dovetail Gary Goudreau's exercise into this where he was able to reduce floor area for a sample male housing unit by approximately 30%. Similar economies with the remainder of the program could result in a construction cost closer to \$30M. It will explain the need for a schematic design to determine better numbers. The committee agreed that the focus on the presentation to the Delegation needs to revolve around the 3 issues associated with the bond request (HVAC replacement in jail, Temporary housing units for 3 years and schematic design costs), but to be prepared for all questions. It was also discussed that the recidivism issue is so blatant that it supports community corrections program.

**Next steps for presentation:** Superintendent Ward will obtain construction costs, along with soft costs and the number of beds. Mr. Goudreau will send a list of information needed to Supt. Ward and suggested that he should also ask other counties who have built facilities for their numbers. Once those numbers are collected, Superintendent Ward will email to the committee and they will be discussed at the 05/20/14 Jail Planning Meeting. Then hopefully, presented at the 05/27/14 Delegation meeting if the Chair allows it on the agenda. Committee reiterated that Superintendent Ward be the spokesperson.

**Adjourn:** M/Ward, S/Shackett to adjourn at 6:50 pm. Unanimous. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

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