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Community Corrections Planning Meeting Minutes September 10, 2014 6:00 pm

Members Present: Daniel Ward, David Berry, Edward Philpot, John Thomas, Steve Nedeau, Ken Brace, Debra Shackett, Alida Millham, Gary Goudreau, Brian Loanes, Miller Lovett, Craig Wiggin, Angela Bovill and Maggie Pritchard.

Also present: Ken Ricci from Ricci Greene and Associates.

Commissioner Philpot, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

HVAC at the Jail: Debra Shackett reported that the Facilities Manager obtained a quote for the HVAC system replacement in the Jail. The base cost was \$569,000 but the contractor suggested budgeting \$600,000 – 650,000 due to the fact they unsure that the electrical system in the jail is adequate to run the HVAC system. There were many questions about the quote. It would make sense to include this as part of the county’s capital improvement plan. Chair Philpot stated, we have a contractor for the HVAC work, but we have no design. Contractors will provide us with quotes, but we have no plans. Commissioner Philpot asked Administrator Shackett to send a copy of the HVAC quote via email to the committee members.

Approval of Minutes: M/Nedeau, S/Ward to approve the 06/17/14 minutes as written. Unanimous. **Motion passes.**

Ken Ricci from Ricci Greene and Associates: Chair Philpot welcomed Ken Ricci of Ricci Greene Associates and asked members of the committee and the audience introduce themselves to Mr. Ricci. He then opened up the meeting to Mr. Ricci who said that he has been keeping touch with Administrator Shackett and has been keeping up with the newspapers, minutes. Mr. Ricci also made it clear that Belknap County is his client and stressed that the “Ricci Greene Report” is not Ricci Greene’s report...it is Belknap County’s report. They did not recommend \$42 million, it was simply listed in their report that if you do X, Y and Z that’s what the cost would be.....it was an “all in” project cost. Extensive discussions ensued around sustainable justice and three action areas. 1. Change the justice system, not just build a jail, 2. Determine how many beds are needed and 3. Consider separating the community corrections center. Superintendent Ward discussed that we are not looking to build a facility for a particular snap shot of time. It changes daily. Ken Ricci explained the podular indirect Supervision model that had been utilized in their report. The County could build for current needs now and plan for

future expansion. Commissioner Philpot stated that everyone within every aspect of the system has been working hard programmatically, including the court system, drug court, Restorative Justice Programs, and felony cases and processing, etc. They are trying to push new legislation to streamline the process to cut time on a felon sitting in the jail. We also have to consider that we have a seasonal issue in Belknap County that effects the population. Commissioner Thomas also mentioned the PREA issue and compliance moving forward. It is a real concern.

Wrap up: Mr. Ricci suggested that the committee put out a memo listing the major points of work from over the last 6 years. The options for new construction proposed and to leave the \$42 million dollar “noose” around everyone’s neck behind us. Move forward with new options and new data that are not 6 years old. Include what we need and how to get there. Ms. Millham suggested working backwards from monies that you know you have, like the Laconia tax cap. Mr. Ricci suggested right sizing the jail based on new data. Commissioners Philpot stated that we did a 35 year program analysis; maybe we should scale back to a shorter term. Administrator Shackett stated that if we do our very best, maybe we will be lucky to arrive close to a number like Laconia’s (as stated by Ms. Millham) and feel good about it. Representative Fields was in attendance and said that it would be simple to have scaled it down before. Never was it stated that \$42 million was it, and we were done. It is too bad that everyone latched on to that and disrupted the process. He hopes to scale it down and keep moving forward. Ms. Pritchard asked if we scale it back, what is used for best practices for decision making on this. Answer was the National Institute of Corrections.

Time frame/moving forward: Realistically could it take 60-90 days to re-evaluate the data to current with various scenarios and outcomes. Mr. Ricci stated that up to 6 months is more realistic but to keep moving forward. Administrator Shackett stated that they still have the model of data that they received from their PONI training. Gary Goudreau said that they need to refine the number for the schematic design and then make a presentation to the Delegation.

Adjourn: M/Brace, S/Loanes to adjourn at 7:10 pm. Unanimous. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

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