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Commission Meeting Minutes June 4, 2015

In Attendance: Commissioners David DeVoy, Hunter Taylor and Richard Burchell and County Administrator Debra Shackett.

Commissioner DeVoy called the meeting to order at 11:00 am and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Discussion of SMP Contract: Commissioner DeVoy asked if we should contact SMP to change the dates in the contract. Commissioner Taylor said it would make sense. M/Taylor, S/DeVoy to change dates in SMP contract. Unanimous. **Motion passed.**

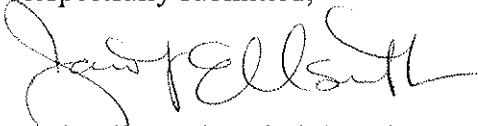
Jail Planning Committee: Commissioner DeVoy suggested the Jail Planning Committee consist of the Jail Superintendent, Deputy Jail Superintendent, Facilities Manager, County Administrator and a member of the delegation. Commissioner Taylor stated the fewer people on the committee the better and it will be helpful to receive input from the delegation. He also stated that the meetings should not be considered a commissioners meeting. Commissioner DeVoy would like to keep the committee small. Commissioner Taylor stated the committee will not be making major decisions and will have to report to the commissioners. Commissioner Burchell stated that the cost would be closer to \$10 million. He also said that a "hard sided" jail should be considered since the County Attorney is not going to support the community corrections philosophy. Commissioner Taylor disagreed. Commissioner Burchell stated he wants his view represented at the Building Committee meetings. Commissioner Taylor motioned to add Commissioner DeVoy to the committee. Commissioner DeVoy stated if Commissioner Burchell shows up than we can discuss your ideas. Commissioner Taylor stated there cannot be two commissioners at the meeting. M/ Taylor, S/DeVoy to limit attendance a jail planning sessions to only Commissioner DeVoy. 2-1 Commissioner Burchell was opposed. **Motion passed.** M/Taylor, S/DeVoy to have Facilities Manager, County Administrator, Superintendent and to invite members of the delegation with experience. 2-1 Commissioner Burchell was opposed. **Motion passed.**

Nonpublic Information: Commissioner DeVoy questioned information from nonpublic meetings getting leaked out. He is wondering if we should have this investigated by the Attorney General. Commissioner Burchell stated he remembers a few quotes from nonpublic records being quoted by Commissioner Taylor in the newspaper. He would like to get to the

bottom of it. Commissioner Taylor stated he thinks he knows what Commissioner Burchell is referring to and it referred to personalities and not the matter at hand. Commissioner DeVoy agrees we need to find out why the Sheriff got a phone call about leaked information. Commissioner Burchell stated if we are going to investigate one than we need to investigate all. Commissioner DeVoy stated we had a nonpublic meeting about an employee and Commissioner Burchell went to that employee with all the information that was discussed in nonpublic. Commissioner Burchell asked who the employee was and Administrator Shackett answered that it couldn't be disclosed in public. Commissioner DeVoy stated he talked to that employee after the meeting and he confirmed that Commissioner Burchell had told him what was said. Commissioner Burchell stated no he did not disclose the information to the employee. Commissioner DeVoy would like to publicly censure Commissioner Burchell. M/Taylor, S/DeVoy to publicly censure Commissioner Burchell. Commissioner Burchell abstained. **Motion passed.** Commissioner DeVoy asked how to proceed with investigation. Administrator Shackett stated to contact the County Attorney or the Attorney General. M/Taylor, S/DeVoy to have investigation looked into by Commissioner Taylor. 2-1 Commissioner Burchell was opposed. **Motion passed.** Administrator Shackett stated this is a difficult way to operate the county with lots of big projects to get through, and suggested that a mediator might be helpful. Commissioner Burchell stated that it is a good suggestion, but it probably wouldn't do any good.

Adjourn: M/Taylor, S/DeVoy to adjourn meeting at 11:49 am. Unanimous. **Motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,



Jamie Ellsworth, Administrative Assistant