



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Public Protection & Judiciary Committee

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

5:15 PM

Virtual Zoom Meeting: See top of agenda for
instructions on how to join the webinar or call in by
phone.

Joint meeting with Public Works & Transportation Committee

A. Call To Order

Meeting called to order at 5:15 p.m.

*OTHERS PRESENT: G. Brockmeyer, T. Draper, C. Harp, J. Heil, J. Hook, J. Horsfall,
Dr. Jablonski, D. Mahoney, J. Mandli, L. Menard, C. Nygaard, B. Prochaska, D. Way, J.
Welch, R. Wienkes, C. Pabellon and S. Stavn*

Present: 7 - Vice Chair CAROUSEL BAYRD, DOROTHY KRAUSE, MAUREEN McCARVILLE,
JULIE SCHWELLENBACH, RICHELLE ANDRAE, ALEX JOERS and TERAN
PETERSON

B. Presentations

1. [2020
PRES-098](#) JAIL CONSOLIDATION UPDATE

Attachments: [2020 PRES-098 DCJ PPJ PWC Joint Meeting Final](#)

Sheriff Mahoney introduced the presentation. David Way, Chris Harp, Beth Prochaska, and Jan Horsfall of Mead & Hunt and Dr. Jablonski presented. Presentation is attached to these minutes.

Supervisor Patrick Downing registered to speak in support of the Jail Consolidation Project, and provided comment.

Supervisor Bayrd and Supervisor Andrae questioned Dr. Jablonski on factors behind estimating jail population, and Dr. Jablonski explained the data. Supervisor Schwellenbach asked about the alternative space options on the third floor, and Mr. Way provided more information. Supervisor Joers asked how many beds would be available after the space on the third floor would be converted, and Mr. Harp provided those numbers. Supervisor Bayrd asked whether the Board could dictate how the jail construction design handles certain spaces, and Sheriff Mahoney and Chief Deputy Hook explained the concerns. Supervisor Krause posed a number of technical questions regarding the design. Supervisor Andrae questioned Dr. Jablonski's assumption that COVID-19 population data will not continue after the pandemic is over, and Dr. Jablonski provided the basis of his assumption. Supervisor Schwellenbach asked if the spaces on the third floor are needed immediately and if not, whether the spaces could be used for alternate uses with the possibility of being converted to bed space. Chief Deputy Hook explained these options are possible if additional money is added to the budget and an evaluation of the population occurs. Supervisor Schwellenbach commented that there is pressure to explore options now, rather than wait. Supervisor Bayrd asked whether the jail could be designed so that the space starts off as programming space, rather than bed space. Chief Deputy Hook said the jail could be designed in such a way but more funding would be necessary. Supervisor Andrae asked the Sheriff what information would be helpful from MPD to determine whether fewer beds was possible. Sheriff Mahoney answered that there needed to be some sort of commitment to criminal justice reforms. Supervisor Krause commented that the County needed to develop relationships with other stakeholders to keep the jail population down, and asked for a summary list of all of the changes that were made to reduce the cost. Mr. Harp offered to provide the list and identified slide with a portion of the information in the presentation.

Lizzie Bruno, and Erika Bach, registered to speak in opposition of the Jail Consolidation Project, and provided comment.

Allison Bell Bern, Kay Galuska, Fabio Mora-Arrieta, and Ayomi Obuseh registered to speak in opposition of the Jail Consolidation Project, but did not provide comment.

C. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Chair McCarville announced that the next PP&J Meeting will be next Tuesday, November 24, 2020.

D. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None

E. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None

F. Adjourn

A motion was made by SCHWELLENBACH, seconded by JOERS, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote: 7-0

The committee adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Ayes: 7 - Vice Chair BAYRD, Supervisor KRAUSE, Chair McCARVILLE, Supervisor SCHWELLENBACH, Supervisor ANDRAE, Supervisor JOERS and PETERSON

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie A. Stavn