

MINUTES JAIL CONSTRUCTION ADHOC

DATE: Tuesday, April 15, 2025
TIME: 10:21 AM
PLACE: Courthouse – Room 114

MEMBERS PRESENT: Laura Valenstein, William Voight, Lee Thao, Al Breu (WebEx), Dennis Polach, John Hokamp, Jake Hahn

OTHERS PRESENT: Trent Miner, County Clerk; see attached sign-in sheet.

1. Chair Valenstein called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.
2. There was no public comment.
3. Motion by Voight/Thao to approve the minutes of the previous meetings. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Van Tassel reviewed the status of the upcoming demolition of the old jail. It should take about 6 weeks to demo the entire structure. Due to the multiple additions on the back wall, that portion will need to come down and a back wall being rebuilt along the current District Attorney/Register in Probate/Clerk of Courts area. Some offices will need to be vacated at times during the demo and rebuild process.
5. Along with the demolition of the old jail, the properties identified as the Triangle Development which are owned or in control of the county, were discussed. These properties were acquired for the purpose of providing better accessibility to the new Courthouse complex. The committee reviewed the timeline of the new downtown master plan, and the variables and assumptions associated with it. The county should have ownership of the old Courthouse Annex building in May. The demolition of these properties could be included as a change order to the current jail demolition, thereby saving additional set up charges if a crew were to have to come back at a later time. Motion by Breu/Hokamp to direct the Facilities Director and Finance Director to develop a resolution to be acted on at the May County Board meeting authorizing the use of jail contingency for the demolition of county owned properties in the Triangle Development. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Chair Valenstein adjourned the meeting at 10:34 AM.

Minutes taken by Trent Miner, County Clerk, and are in draft form until approved at the next meeting.

