

FUTURE SPACE NEEDS AT MARION COUNTY JAIL CAMPUS SUBCOMMITTEE

7-9-07

Present: Undersheriff Mike Wilkerson – in charge of the Jail Campus = Jail/Parole and Probation, the Work Center, Judy Chartier- East Salem Neighborhood Association, Mike Ryan – Community Service Director with Realtors Association, Barbara Young – Board of Commissioners, Bob Riggi – President of Salem Realtors Association, Cmdr. Chris Hoy – in charge of the Jail, Cmdr. Troy Clausen – in charge of Parole and Probation, Lt. Jason Myers – Administrative Enforcement, Downtown

Purpose: There are 4 Subcommittees for Marion County Facilities:

- Correction Campus
- Public Works
- Juvenile/Health Campus
- Downtown

We are together to assess the future needs and make recommendations for the Jail Campus, which includes the Jail, Parole and Probation, the Work Center and CDO – Central District Office of Enforcement, which shares the building with the Work Center, Dog Control and the Evidence Building. All are located on the 32 - Acre campus. Identifying the greatest needs, current facilities, future growth and over all conditions of each department will help determine the recommendation that will be presented to the County Facilities Steering Committee.

History: 20 Acres were acquired from the Department of Corrections (DOC) in the early 1980's after a bond was passed. There was a \$15 million bond passed in 1986 to construct a new jail facility with 255 beds. There are now 528 beds, which are funded with a capacity of 600. The facilities were designed to allow for future expansion. A new Pod was built in 1997 for 128 beds. The facility was designed for future expansion up to 1,000 inmates. There are over 19,000 arrestees processed each year at the Jail, which houses arrestees who are awaiting trial and those sentenced to less than one year.

Currently: The adjacent land to the east is owned by the State and houses the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST). The same engineer who worked with DPSST also worked in designing the infrastructure at the jail. He is familiar with the land and utilities for this area. This is 276 acres, in which we have easement access to the back of our facilities for a fire zone and future jail expansion. The property to the west of the Dog Control facility is zoned Industrial and owned by the State. This property is very valuable because of its' location near the freeway and Highway 22. This site is designated for future industrial development and would most likely be cost prohibitive for the County to purchase any part of it.

The Work Center was built in 1997 and has 144 – 200 low risk inmates, male and female. The work crews do projects for the City as well as the Forest Service and odd jobs around the campus, which includes grounds maintenance, the garden, working at the Dog Control facility. These inmates wear orange, which distinguishes County Work Crews from the State Work Crews who wear blue.

The Central District Office (CDO) of Enforcement, share the building with the Work Center. This is only a part of the deputies assigned to the central area of the County, because there is not enough room to house them all in one place at this facility. Others are located in Sublimity, Gervais and Detroit. These satellite offices work well with the community.

The Parole and Probation (P&P) Officers are in the modular buildings on the east side of the driveway. These buildings were built here in the early 1990's. There is 10,000 square feet. Not all the deputies are housed here. Madison Street office houses 15 staff. The North District Office in Gervais houses several staff. The South office is in the Stayton Justice Court. The Madison Street building also houses other agencies not related to law enforcement. The needed renovations of the building would be too expensive. It does not meet the ADA compliances – and security is a concern.

The Cities in Marion County do not have jails; they use the County facility. When the new jail facility opened in 1989 bookings were around 9,000 to 10,000 per year. Now it is up to 20,000. The average stay for inmates of less serious crimes is 10.3 days. It takes 10 days to detoxify. By the time the inmate is able to understand what is going on – he/she is on their way out – no consequences for poor behavior. This doesn't work.

Ideally, if enforcement and probation deputies were to share facilities they would also share information. Community access is a priority. At this time customer service is limited. Our need is to have adequate space to meet current needs and for future growth. We can't do needed programs. Each Probation Deputy has a caseload of 70 to 80, and with caseloads this heavy it is hard to keep the clients accountable for their actions, education and programs. The county spends \$1 million per year for treatment. Consolidation of departments in communities would reach the people, and provide support to all deputies, as well as provide alternative space to share. Buildings have/are being looked at that include the criteria of public transportation.

Marion County is the 5th largest county in the State, it is number 2 in the State for the number of those on supervision. At this time there are 4500 offenders on active supervision and 1800 on abscond status.

It is not possible at this time to determine how many inmates/clients are actually rehabilitated, because the time spent in jail is so limited. With a 10 day detoxification, about the only thing we can do is to house them. We spend an average of \$20,000 a month for medicine. One person is having dialysis treatments. It can take up to 3 weeks for an arraignment and 6 months for a trial. Most of these people are Marion County residents. Just a small percent are illegal immigrants. What this truly means is that our deputies are doing a great job getting the criminal off the street, but then what. Our

current facilities do not meet the needs of the criminal justice professionals or the citizens of Marion County who expect that offenders be held accountable for their actions.

Next meeting: Please become familiar with the yellow book handed out. We will have 2 to 3 more meetings to discuss the book and come up with some recommendations. Does the yellow book have valid recommendations? Are their projections accurate?

Things to think about/suggestions made:

- Loan options
- Green fund
- COP – Certification of Participation
- A levy, collectively
- Merge Cities law enforcement services with County services
- Inter agency Cooperation
- Operations cost is the problem
- Public support – they need to trust us to handle the problems
- Educate the public
- Inter agency and neighborhood associations.
- Active neighborhood associations keep the criminals out.
- More community involvement
- Other agencies are looking for State and Federal funds also
- Grants
- Does the City have a base?

Rhonda will coordinate the next meeting in 2 to 3 weeks.