

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WORKING SESSION

March 18, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ping at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room, Administration Building, 220 North Main Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Comms. Bergman, Gunn, Irwin, Judge, Ouimet, Peterson, Ping, and Sizemore

MEMBERS ABSENT: Comms. Prater, Schwartz, and Smith

OTHERS PRESENT: Bob Guenzel, County Administrator; Verna McDaniel, Deputy County Administrator;

Jerry Clayton, County Sheriff; Bob Tetens, Parks and Recreation; Jennifer Watson, Budget; Ken Schrader, ITS; Diane Heidt, Human Resources; Greg Dill, Cmdr. Rick Kaledas Sheriff's Office; Joanna Bidlack, Administration; Jason Brooks, Clerk's

Office; various citizens; and members of the press.

Roll Call

Citizen Participation

None

Commissioner Follow-Up to Citizen Participation

None

Discussion Items:

Jail Staffing Recommendation - Bob Guenzel and Sheriff Clayton

The Jail Staffing Update was presented by Bob Guenzel and Jerry Clayton (on file in County Clerk's office).

Comm. Gunn stated that she is impressed with the intake at the jail. She added that this is a mandated service unlike police services. She stated that she would like to see a compromise from the police services side. Comm. Gunn added that she has a great deal of confidence in the Sheriff and his staff. She asked what the difference is between a Corrections Officer and a Community Service Officer. Sheriff Clayton reported that a Corrections Officer has the responsibility to directly manage the inmate population. He stated that the CSO has responsibility in the intake/assessment part of the operation.

Comm. Bergman asked how the decision to place four beds in a cell was made. Clayton reported that this was a little before his time and added that some efficiency has been built in. He stated that he does not feel that there is a high risk because he is confident of the ability of staff to classify and manage the inmates.

Comm. Ouimet asked how a percentage of variance would be built in to the budget projections presented. Jennifer Watson stated that the staffing figures were phased in starting with 2010 and 2011. She stated that calculations began at the point of training commencing and not hiring. Comm. Ouimet asked if there is a percentage of variance built in. Watson reported that the biggest area of volatility is in fringe benefits and stated that she feels that conservative assumptions have been built in. Comm. Ouimet asked if the current facility is full all the time. Clayton reported that the facility is full. Comm. Ouimet asked if there would be fewer staff if there were fewer inmates. Clayton reported that posts would have to be staffed regardless of number of inmates. He stated that a percentage of the beds should be open in order to work with classification of inmates.

Comm. Judge asked if the net gain in beds is 30 from an operations standpoint. Clayton reported that this is correct. Comm. Judge asked about renegotiating food and benefit contracts. Clayton reported that this was presented as a part of budget reductions in the previous year. He added that the hope is to get to around \$0 difference with the increase in inmates. Greg Dill estimated that a recommendation would be coming forward to the Sheriff on the medical part by the 22nd. Clayton reported that a goal is stressing to the public that public safety is a top issue in the County. He added that he feels that the population will slowly continue to rise despite some of the best efforts and stated that the County needs to be in the best position to manage the population.

Comm. Irwin asked if transport savings is wrapped into the savings seen in the budget numbers presented. Clayton reported that they are a different type of savings and are not included. He added that reporting back on the outcome of assumptions will be something that will be done in the future. Comm. Irwin asked if the increased jail expansion reserve serves to diminish the number at the bottom of 2012-13. Bob Guenzel reported that this is correct. Comm. Irwin stated that this brings into sharper focus the great job that the Sheriff has done managing the budget. He stated that he has concerns about the long term stability of these positions. Comm. Irwin asked with the MDOC will be coming in to rate the facility. Cmdr. Kaledas reported that they will be coming in around the beginning of 2011. Comm. Irwin asked if the CSO's will primarily be staffing the intake and release. Clayton reported that CO's will be staffed where security response is needed. Comm. Irwin asked how the 5.2 FTE number per 24/7 shirt was adopted. Clayton reported that a formula for the post comes out to 8700 hours. He stated that net annual work hours are at about 1700 hours.

Comm. Bergman stated that she feels that lawsuit settlement proceeds will be beneficial for the jail. Guenzel stated that a motion for judgment has been filed within the last day and stated that a response is probably forthcoming. Comm. Bergman asked if meals will be eaten in the individual pods. Clayton reported that they will.

Comm. Judge asked if there are funds to demolish the old PORT building. Guenzel reported that there may be some non-general fund reserves. He stated that he is waiting on final numbers on court/jail construction. Guenzel stated that it may be able to be demolished in the late summer or early fall.

Comm. Ping asked if federal dollars have been looked at for jail reimbursement. Clayton stated that federal dollars were not looked at because there were feelings that the money would be replaced. He added that there may be revenue opportunities to replace state and federal funds.

County Administrator's Report

None

Items for Current/Future Discussion

Comm. Ping stated that she and Joanna Bidlack could be contacted with possible future Working Session topics.

Pending

None

Citizen Participation

None

Commissioners Follow-up to Citizen Participation

None

Adjournment Comm. Gunn seconded by Comm. Judge moved that the meeting be adjourned until April 8 th , 2010 at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried.	
The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.	
	Jessica Ping, Chair
Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register By: Jason Brooks, Deputy Clerk	
APPROVED:	