



Jail Citizen Committee

Thursday, August 9, 2007 – 5:30 p.m.
Alpine Center, Multi-Purpose Room
800 Livingston Blvd, Gaylord, MI 49735

MINUTES

Please note that the meeting lacked a quorum, but the meeting was still held.

Sanders called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Jail Committee Members Present: Don Koeppen, Mary Sanders, Daphne Cousineau, Scott Dunn, Alma Harrison, Gary Waldo, Brian Morgan, Bill Giles, Vern Kassuba, Nancy Morgridge, Bob Mammel

Jail Committee Members Absent: Jim Mathis, Norm Brecheisen, Tom Wagar, Diane Franckowiak, Chuck Berlin, Elizabeth Haus, Todd Sharrard, Diane Fisher, Ron Skoglund, Mike McCarthy, Jack Thompson, Don Tober

Mary Sanders was asked to give an update on how Mr. Edel's presentation was received at the July 17 Otsego County Townships Association meeting. She indicated that the presentation was well received at the meeting and that she would distribute her notes from the Township Association meeting to the Citizen Jail Committee members via email.

Brian Webber presented an idea for jail reconfiguration, on behalf of Sheriff McBride. The proposal is similar to Rudi Edel's proposal from the last meeting. The difference is that the work release program would be included in the existing building, with remodeling. Mr. Webber presented a sketch from a Gundlach Champion study from 2004 for adding an additional 38 beds to the existing jail. Mr. Webber explained that the Sheriff believes that you could include a separated work release center in the building. That will have to be determined by the experts. It was also noted that the cost figures from the 2004 Study were outdated and did not include the work release center concept.

The Committee (unofficially) decided to ask someone from the National Institute of Corrections to attend the next meeting to discuss the Michigan Taskforce Report on Jail and Prison Overcrowding and how it relates to Otsego County. Judge Morse indicated that the only things that we are not doing from the report currently is tether and work release. The Committee also asked for a report from someone representing the Transition House, and that Rudi Edel and Sheriff McBride get together and mesh their proposals and return to the Committee.

The Committee members present agreed that the Technical Jail Committee members should be invited to continue attending these meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.