

**INFORMATIONAL COUNTY BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2000**

Chairman Joseph Maehl called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Lounge Room.

The following Supervisors were present: Kollath, Barker, Griesbach, Maehl, Savas, Klitzke, Widener, Lauson, Pech, Green, Madison, Reilly, Hert, Nielsen, Norton, Sundquist, Wingren, Eichman, Kline, Kramer, Schaidler, Spanbauer, Arne, Rankin, Egan, Rengstorf and Metzgi.

Sheriff Brooks made a presentation to the Board on the proposed new Sheriff's facility and jail. He explained that this is a project that has been ongoing since the early 1990's.

Sheriff Brooks reported that the present jail, which opened in 1980, has a functional capacity of 84 prisoners with a total capacity of 106. He stated that by the early 1990's both the functional capacity and the total capacity were exceeded. Sheriff Brooks explained that "functional capacity" means having the room to segregate prisoners by various classifications and still have space to cover peak times.

Sheriff Brooks distributed a packet of information containing information on the projected costs of continuing to house prisoners outside of Winnebago County. Based on projected increases in the jail population, eventual increases in the daily cost of housing out prisoners, annual increases in the overall jail budget and the need to meet the state's separation of inmates laws, total jail expenses for the years 2001 to 2013 will be approximately \$65,420,512.00.

Also explained by Sheriff Brooks and Capt. Anderson:

- various types of jail setups – linear, indirect remote and direct supervision
- direct supervision jails have proven to be very effective in other parts of the country and will most likely be recommended for Winnebago County
- discussed the various attributes and features of the various jail setups
- a direct supervision facility is less costly to construct – less expensive fixtures and security measures
- Huber facility was built to house 144 prisoners, but the state has approved an additional 30 inmates for that facility. The average daily population for October, 2000 was 146.
- Sheriff and staff have been working with Oscar Boldt, construction manager; Venture Architects, and Kimme & Associates on space needs, plans and design
- preliminary plans and proposal that will be brought to the Board in December will be based on a 340 – 400 bed facility
- the final decision on the size of the facility will be made by the County Board

Other items that were discussed:

- projected increases in the female population at the jail
- feasibility of a regional jail facility
- footprinting for additional pods for later expansion
- other departments that will be housed in the new facility – Emergency Government, 911 Center and Sheriff's Department administrative offices

A full comprehensive report, including costs, will be presented to the Board at their December 12, 2000 Special Orders meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan T. Ertmer
Winnebago County Clerk