

A meeting of the Fond du Lac County Jail Ad Hoc Committee was held on Thursday, September 12, 2024, in Room H of the City-County Government Center.

Thomas E. Dornbrook:	Excused	Kevin Galske:	1-2:34 p.m.
Katherine B. Griffith:	1-2:34 p.m.	Mark Henschel:	Excused
George Koonce:	1-2:18 p.m.	Sam Meyer:	1-2:34 p.m.
Jonathon E. Venhuizen:	1-2:34 p.m.	Dean P. Will:	1-2:34 p.m.
Michael J. Will:	1-2:34 p.m.		

Also present were Erin Gerred, Meggin McNamara, Ryan Waldschmidt, Jim Borgen, Tyler Broderick, Steven Abel, Michael Conley, Mary Hayes, John Rickert, Michael Streetar, Lisa Freiberg, Kurt Berner, Cory Beyer, Kyle Knop, Nancy Thelen and Donna Richards.

1. Call meeting to order.

Chair Koonce called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Members of the public who wish to address the committee must register their requests with the chair to speak on a specific agenda item for a period not to exceed three minutes. All public comments are subject to the reasonable control of the committee chair as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.

Donna Richards spoke on meeting with the Sheriff. She also spoke on open transparent communication among the Sheriff, County Executive and other county officials.

Sheriff Waldschmidt provided information on offenses of current inmates. The offenses include probation hold, waiting to appear before a judge, bail jumpers, along with those with serious crimes.

Discussion with Samuels Group.

3. Jail size discussion.

Kyle Knop and Cory Beyer of Venture Architects and Kurt Berner of Samuels Group provided a presentation on the following.

- a. Rated bed capacity.
- b. Jail classifications.
- c. Juvenile detention design.

According to needs assessment, bed needs analysis,

- The existing adult bed capacity is 335.
- The existing operational capacity is 285.
- The current average daily population is 320 (August).
- The most efficient housing pod would be 150 beds.
- Existing juvenile bed capacity is 26.
- Existing juvenile operational capacity is 22.
- Current average daily population is 12. (August)
- Peak population is 16. (2024)

Chair Koonce left the meeting at 2:18 p.m. Vice Chair Dean Will took over as Chair.

4. Housing concepts.

- a. Site options.
- b. Massing imagery.

The following housing concepts pros and cons were discussed:

- The following concepts explore if a new law enforcement center could be constructed on the existing site.
 - Option 1, south and east jail addition – single story jail addition & Sheriff's Office renovation.
 - Option 2, south parking lot – jail housing stacked on top of jail support – Sheriff's Office renovation.
 - Option 3, east jail addition – jail housing stacked on top of jail support – Sheriff's Office renovation.
 - Option 4, single story south jail addition & Sheriff's Office renovation.

- Concepts were provided to explore the possibility of Fond du Lac County moving all Jail, Sheriff's Office functions, including Jail, Sheriff and the Sheriff's garage to a new facility constructed offsite. The advantages and disadvantages were highlighted.

The committee supports exploring a Justice Center being built offsite. Samuels Group will provide more information on this option.

5. Future agenda items and meeting date.

The committee will meet on October 3, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. and October 24, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

6. Adjournment.

Motion (M. Will/Venhuizen) to adjourn the meeting at 2:34 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Freiberg
Fond du Lac County Clerk