

A meeting of the Fond du Lac County Jail Ad Hoc Committee was held on Thursday, November 21, 2024, in Room H of the City-County Government Center.

Thomas E. Dornbrook:	Excused.	Kevin Galske:	1-2:24 p.m.
Katherine B. Griffith:	1-2:24 p.m.	Mark Henschel:	1-2:24 p.m.
George Koonce:	1-2:24 p.m.	Sam Meyer:	1-2:24 p.m.
Jonathon E. Venhuizen:	1-2:24 p.m.	Dean P. Will:	1-2:24 p.m.
Michael J. Will:	1-2:24 p.m.		

Also present were Sam Kaufman, Meggin McNamara, Ryan Waldschmidt, Jim Borgen, Tyler Broderick, Tricia Walker, Douglas Edelstein, Shelly Weber, Steve Abel, Angela Luehring, John Rickert, Michael Streetar, Lisa Freiberg, Kurt Berner, Cory Beyer, Kyle Knop, Kristel Lougher, Donna Richards, Lorri Bohn, Amber Kilawee and Leigh Kohlmann.

1. Call meeting to order.

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

2. Approve minutes of the October 24, 2024 minutes.

Motion (D. Will/Griffith) to approve the minutes. Motion carried with Mr. Venhuizen abstaining.

3. 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*.

Kristel Lougher representing the Fond du Lac Literacy Coalition spoke on the potential of having a literacy program in the Jail.

Angela Luehring spoke on keeping the existing jail location.

Donna Richards spoke on providing more information on the project to the public.

4. Discussion with Samuels Group.

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

a. Judicial concepts.

The concept of a new Justice Center was explained, which would include the Clerk of Circuit Court and courtrooms to be at the new site. Judge Tricia Walker explained keeping the courts in one location would be logistically preferred. The map of the new location was reviewed. Discussion was held on what could be done with the existing jail after it has been vacated.

The new 297,000 square foot law enforcement center would include the Sheriff's Office, Jail, Jail Support, Juvenile Detention, Emergency Management and Dispatch. The new 413,000 square foot justice center would include the Judge's suites, juried courtrooms, non-juried courtrooms, Clerk of Courts, District Attorney and Child Support.

The advantages and disadvantages of the justice center was discussed. If the courts were to remain at the current site, transportation costs would be a factor.

b. Communication plan.

Rusk County's communication plan was referenced and reviewed.

5. Future agenda items and meeting date.

The committee will meet on Thursday, December 5, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. and Thursday December 19, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

6. Adjournment.

Motion (Griffith/Henschel) to adjourn the meeting at 2:24 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Freiberg
Fond du Lac County Clerk