

Saline County, KS

Citizens Jail/Criminal Justice Advisory Committee

Minutes

Date: August 4, 2014
Time: 6:00pm to 7:00pm
Location: Sheriff's Training Room

1. Introductions:

Sheriff Kochanowski opened the meeting and welcomed back, the committee participants.

Jim Robertson	Consultant/Facilitator
John Burchill	Committee Member
Jerry Fowler	Committee Member
Janice Morris	Committee Member
John Tillman	Committee Member
Christina Trocheck	Committee Member
Joel Wilmer	Committee Member
Anne Grevas	Community Corrections
Todd Heitschmidt	Court Administer Saline County District Court
Glenn Kochanowski	Saline County Sheriff
Rick Hansmann	Saline County Captain
Dave Dunstan	Salina County Under Sheriff
Donna Moore	Saline County Jail Administration Secretary

2. Review of Committee Purpose and VRJS Role and Scope:

Jim Robertson reviewed the purpose of the committee as now being the Spokespersons for identifying the best option, and going out to meet with the public and articulate the need and justification for this project by giving information and answering questions.

The County Commission Voted on the Option to build a Criminal Justice Complex at the current site.

Jim Robertson's has agreed to continue his role as supporting person for the committee and to help put together a sample brochure and PowerPoint presentation that can be used as the committee sets up meetings with the public.

3. Last time the former Sheriff Darrell Wilson was selected as a main speaker and it was agreed that a similar process should be used again.

- a. Sheriff Glenn Kochanowski offered the Sheriff's Office to coordinate the schedule of the speaking events.
- b. Mr. Robertson will work with Capt. Hansmann in developing the brochure and the PowerPoint Presentation for review.
- c. A Speakers Bureau will be set up. Mr. Robertson has offered to help develop a brochure and PowerPoint presentation and handouts for review and with Capt. Hansmann.

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4. Script/Message: Emphasize that with all the dollars involved, break it down that the jail is not the main or the most important part of the project. By bringing the components together they will enhance the Criminal Justice System with maintaining Public and Staff Safety so that they will be working and functioning together in the same facility. We can support this project but we are for information purposes only and cannot suggest or encourage people how to vote.
 - a. We need to get a written testimony from other facilities that have a Justice Center and how affective it has been for them.
 - b. Pastors around town have requested a comprehensive brochure to be passed out at the area churches and other public locations.
 - c. Other Groups to be approached: The School Districts, Public Service Message, Chamber of Commerce, Civic Groups,
5. Questions that have been asked
 - a. What will be done with existing court facilities and how many new court rooms will be built?
 - i. Small Claims
 - ii. Court Services
 - iii. Juvenile Court
 - iv. Criminal cases go to new facility
 - b. Will the Courts have to continue paying for vacant floor after they are moved to a new facility.
 - c. Will there be more judges
 - d. False perception that the overcrowding is due to illegal immigrants
 - e. Parking
 - f. The Females have been moved from the overcrowded female pod (which has already surpassed the current projections) to one of the larger male pods. How many inmates are now being contracted out of county?
 - g. Due to dollar amount involve we should build more beds than we have we need, so we don't encounter the same problems again in 12 or 14 years.
6. Committee input questions to Capt. Hansmann and Mr. Robertson to be researched and included in the presentation/brochures/ Saline County Website, Facebook/Tweet, Newspaper, Radio Stations, Access TV etc. Question and Answer format.
7. Criminal Justice Complex Bond Election Schedule: included with handouts.