



Henry County Board of Supervisors
Special Meeting Agenda
August 30, 2016
5:30 p.m.

- 1) Invocation
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Call to Order
- 4) Approval of Agenda
- 5) Welcome of Visitors and Advise of Role of County Administrator as Contact Person for the Board
- 6) Authorization to Create and Submit a Jail Planning Study – Sheriff's Office
- 7) Adjournment



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Item Number 6

Issue

Authorization to Create and Submit a Jail Planning Study – Sheriff’s Office

Background

The current Henry County Jail was built in 1974 and is no longer efficient from an operational or safety standpoint for our inmate population or correctional staff. Therefore a Community-Based Corrections Plan was prepared for Henry County by Moseley Architects and delivered to the Board in January 2016 to possibly address our jail needs. The report included an evaluation of the current Henry County Jail and a projection for future facility needs.

In May 2016, The Board was presented with cost projections for construction and operation of a jail based on inmate counts of 250, 300, 350 and 400 people. The report also included preliminary budget and financing needs, and part of that discussion was the potential 25% contribution from the Commonwealth of Virginia toward the total cost. To move this process forward, a Corrections Facility Study must be submitted to the Commonwealth’s Department of Corrections by the end of December. If that deadline is missed, another 12 months would pass before the next opportunity to submit.

This report must include the total number of beds recommended for a new facility. Staff understands that the number submitted may be reduced later, but cannot be increased.

Attachments

None

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends authorization from the Board to move forward with the creation and submission of a Jail Planning Study, to be done by Moseley Architects, based on a total bed capacity of 400. This should be done with the understanding that the maximum funding from the Commonwealth will be based on this count, but the Board may reduce the number of beds (and the Commonwealth's share of the total cost) at any point.