

DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC HEARING OF THE JUSTICE STUDY

JUNE 3, 2019

A Public Hearing of the Dubois County Commissioners Justice Study was held in the Council Chambers at Jasper City Hall in Jasper, Indiana, beginning at 6:00 p.m. (EST) on June 3, 2019. Present were Commissioners Chad A. Blessinger, Elmer Brames, and Nick Hostetter. Also present were County Auditor Sandra L. Morton, County Attorney Gregory S. Schnarr and Bond Counsel Dave McGimpsey of Bingham Greenbaum and Doll.

The meeting was opened by President Chad Blessinger.

RE: RQAW PRESENTATION

Sanjay Patel, RQAW, presented a summary of the findings of the Justice Feasibility Study. Proposed solutions were presented in two options.

Option 1 - \$43,108,819 approximate total cost – To be located at the Security Center site.

Option 2 - \$50,794,190 approximate total cost – To be located at the downtown Old National Bank site.

RE: PUBLIC COMMENT

Kurt Leinenbach, Dubois County resident/former Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, questioned the size of the proposed jail pod. New laws taking effect in July 2019 will roll back some of the length of stays for inmates. He felt 200 beds would be sufficient.

John Bottorf, Dubois County resident, would like to see more rehabilitation services to help inmates and reduce recidivism.

Max Leffert, Dubois County resident, questioned the use of the Local Option Income taxes, formerly known as County Option Income tax (COIT) and Economic Development Income Tax. (EDIT). His concern was adopting a new Correctional and Rehabilitation tax and not rescinding it in the future when the cost of the jail is complete.

Forrest Kieser, Dubois County resident, questioned if the two options were the only options currently being considered or if a totally new site would be looked at as well. Concerns were raised with the use of the current facility if a new pod would be built as well as concerns with splitting the Jail and Community Corrections facilities in Option 2.

Mary E. "Becky" Beckman, Councilmember, questioned if treatment costs were included in the expected costs. Program space will be made available but the treatment program costs are not included.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business to conduct, the public hearing was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.