

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 21, 2000**

The Tippecanoe County Council held a special meeting on Tuesday, November 21, 2000 at 1:30 P.M. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Council members present were: Vice President David S. Byers, Margaret K. Bell, Ronald L. Fruitt, Jeffrey A. Kemper, and David S. Koltick; Auditor Robert A. Plantenga, Attorney David W. Luhman, and Secretary Pauline E. Rohr. (Councilmember and President Jeffrey Kessler and Councilmember Connie Basham were absent.)

Also present were Sheriff Dave Murtaugh, Financial Consultant Greg Guerrettaz, Financial Solutions, and Bond Consultant Buddy Downs, Ice Miller Donadio and Ryan.

***REPORT: Jail Feasibility Studies from DLZ and Schenkel Schultz: Sheriff Dave Murtaugh***

**DLZ**

Expand the Holding Area by adding 17 beds with negative air flow beds for medical isolation.

Add onto the east end of the existing structure and construct a new Sallyport.

On north end of property, add a wheel pod with 168 beds to meet today's needs. Add another wheel pod beside it with another 168 beds.

Cost:	168 beds + 17 beds (Holding) = <b>185 beds</b>	<b>\$ 9.0 million</b>
	168 beds + 168 beds + 17 beds (Holding) = <b>353 beds</b>	<b>\$14.5 million</b>

Sheriff Murtaugh doesn't favor DLZ's design because it does not have a direct line of sight that he said is essential for security and the safety of Jail personnel.

**Schenkel Schultz**

Expand the Holding area by adding 100 beds.

Add onto the north end of the existing structure a 104 bed addition that would resemble half of an open book. Add another structure with 104 beds to complete the other half of the open book. This design has straight lines of sight that the Sheriff prefers.

Cost:	104 beds + 104 beds + 100 beds (Holding) = <b>308 beds</b>	<b>\$9.2 million</b>
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By adding 308 beds to the current 270 beds, the total beds will be 578. If 20 additional prisoners are added each year, Sheriff Murtaugh estimated the space will be sufficient for 10 to 12 years.

At the suggestion of building only a 100 bed Holding and a 104 bed addition at this time, Sheriff Murtaugh provided the following cost estimates:

Option A	Add 104 beds	\$3,091,000.00 to \$3,541,000.00
Option B	Add new Intake and Booking	3,476,000.00 to \$4,000,000.00
Option C	Add 208 beds	4,596,000.00 to \$5,261,000.00

Additional staffing cost is estimated at \$460,000.00 for 308 additional beds.

Sheriff Murtaugh does not recommend building more than 308 additional beds at this time. He said jails are designed to hold prisoners until they are sent to DOC prison facilities.

**DOC ESTIMATED REVENUE**

If there are a sufficient number of "extra" beds, the County could once again house DOC prisoners. Sheriff Murtaugh estimated annual revenue for five years:

1 <sup>st</sup> Year	\$1,085,875.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	894,000.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	702,000.00
4 <sup>th</sup> Year	511,000.00
5 <sup>th</sup> Year	320,000.00

Tippecanoe County is currently paying \$35.00 per day to other counties to house our prisoners. We currently have 23 out-of-county placements.

The Sheriff was asked if we will open ourselves to lawsuits by housing DOC prisoners. Attorney Luhman said our risk of being sued is greater because of the current overcrowded situation at our Jail.

**FINANCING: Greg Guerrettaz**

Mr. Guerrettaz thinks there will be a bond issue of probably \$13.5 million that will amount to \$0.10 outside the Levy because it is debt service. He proposed paying off the current 1993 Jail Bond Lease, that is collecting \$0.03 through property taxes, by using left over Courthouse Bond monies. If the Jail Bonds are paid off, it will free up that \$0.03 and reduce the amount from \$0.10 to \$0.07 for the new bond. The excess bond appropriations since 1989/1990 have funded a nearly \$4 million EDIT Reserve Account.

Mr. Guerrettaz pointed out that financing has to be in place before a contract for the Jail addition can be let.

**TIMETABLE: Buddy Downs**

Mr. Downs said:

- If the process is begun by the Commissioners at the December 4, 2000 meeting involving a tax levy outside the freeze to pay off the bonds and setting up a holding corporation here in the County
- If the project is bid by May 1, 2001, the bond sale could be held May 9, 2001. The Notice to Proceed could be June 2001.
- The County Council will be asked to adopt a resolution of need for an addition to the Jail on January 9, 2001.
- NOTE: A remonstrance will add at least 90 days to the process.

The Commissioners will appoint a minimum of three people to the Board of Directors of the Tippecanoe County Holding Corporation who will not be paid for their service. The formation of the Holding Corporation puts the County in complete control of the County Jail. The Jail is currently owned by a City/County Building Authority and is not strictly used for a county project.

Attorney Luhman:

- Issue a RFP or select an architect to prepare the actual documents
- Set-up a holding corporation
- Procedure to sell bonds with set amount.
- Set time line to let the bid.

➤ Councilmember Kemper left the meeting.

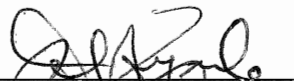
Discussion was held regarding selecting one of the firms who conducted the Feasibility Study.

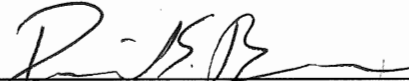
**ADJOURNMENT**

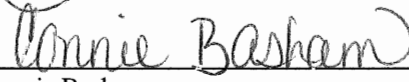
- Councilmember Fruitt moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Bell; motion carried.

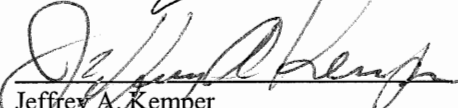
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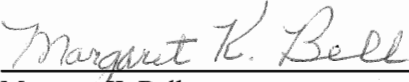
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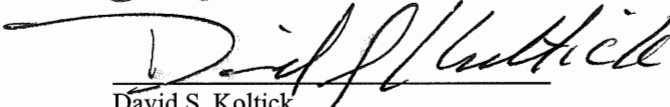
  
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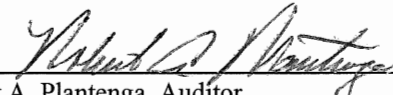
  
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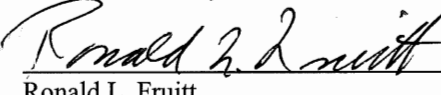
  
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