

Jennings County Council Special Meeting

February 27, 2019 6:00 P.M.

All members were present.

The meeting was opened with Howard Malcomb leading the pledge.

Howard Malcomb started the meeting with introductions from the council. Also present was Dan Zuerner with Garmong Construction Services, Richard Hall with Barnes & Thornburg, Andrew Lanam with George K. Baum & company, Jeffrey Peters with Peters Municipal Consultants, Eric Ratts with DLZ, and Matt Sporleder, Jennings County Commissioner President. The purpose of this meeting was to update the four new council members on the jail project.

Commissioner Matt Sporleder started the discussion with a brief explanation of the jail project. He stated that the project was started two years ago. The jail population had exceeded what it was originally designed for. The jail also failed numerous inspections. He also stated that opposition from taxpayers is huge. Commissioner Sporleder stated that he is not an advocate for the new jail.

Next Dan Zuerner with Garmong Construction spoke on his initial review of the existing jail conditions, operating issues, and opportunities. He then turned it over to Richard Hall with Barnes & Thornburg to give an overview of the project. He stated that the condition of the existing jail is a problem. He went over the projected needs of the county, the overcrowding issue, the possible sites to build a new jail, and the financing options of the county.

Howard Malcomb spoke on the Jackson/Jennings Work Release Program. He stated that Jackson/Jennings Community Corrections wants to present the work release program at the next Commissioners meeting.

With this being a work session, no action was taken and the meeting was adjourned.



Tessia Salsman, Auditor

Howard Malcomb

Howard Malcomb, President

Dave Woodall

Dave Woodall, Vice-President

Paul Belding

Paul Belding

Charlie Weber

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Mike Gerth

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