



Public Safety Facility Needs and Assessment Committee

60 Central Avenue, Room 304
Cortland, NY 13045

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Committee

~ Agenda ~

Joseph Steinhoff

Tuesday, July 18, 2017

11:30 AM

Room 304

I. Call to Order

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
Legislative District 1 John R Troy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Legislative District 8 Donnell Boyden	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
District 14 Sandra Price	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Assistant Brian Parker	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
District 15 George Wagner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
District 6 Mary Ann Discenza	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
District 12 Joseph Steinhoff	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
District 17 Charles Sudbrink	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
District 11 Christopher Newell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

II. Minutes Approval

Thursday, June 15, 2017

III. Discussion Items

- Discussion Item (ID # 4688)**
Speak to Financials
- Discussion Item (ID # 4689)**
Establish Reserve Fund in Budget
- Discussion Item (ID # 4690)**
Discuss Other Options Outside of New Facility

IV. Adjournment



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I. Call to Order

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
John R Troy	Legislative District 1	Present	
Donnell Boyden	Legislative District 8	Excused	
Sandra Price	District 14	Present	
Brian Parker	Assistant	Present	
George Wagner	District 15	Present	
Mary Ann Discenza	District 6	Present	
Joseph Steinhoff	District 12	Present	
Charles Sudbrink	District 17	Late	
Christopher Newell	District 11	Present	
Mark Helms	Sheriff	Excused	
Budd Rigg	Undersheriff	Present	
Karen Howe	County Attorney	Present	
Peggy Mousaw	Budget and Finance Director	Present	
Karen Fuller	Deputy Clerk of the Legislature	Present	
Nick Graziano	Cortland Standard	Present	
Gordon Wheelock	District 10	Present	

II. Minutes Approval

1. Thursday, May 11, 2017

III. Discussion

Mr. Steinhoff reported that the County Attorney said the SMRT contract is good through 2019 and is possible to put on "hold", however, the SEQR work should be completed since it would be necessary at a later date and would not change unless the scope of the project were to be significantly different. In addition, he noted given the current and future budget projections the County cannot afford to do anything at this time; the County needs to pay off current debt before taking on a project of this size.

Mr. Steinhoff spoke of getting off-track with regard to the new jail project by changing to consider the current location. After speaking to Chairman Boyden it was decided to put a hold on any further work until the County can determine how it would pay for it, which he believes is the correct thing to do.

Mr. Wheelock said he spoke at length with Chairman Boyden who expressed disappointment in the committee's work. Mr. Steinhoff said he was sharing Mr. Boyden's discussion with him and that he has also said the committee could put forward a resolution to build the jail, however, it would fail due to the budget. He is not stopping the project, just waiting until the financial aspect can be resolved.

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Mr. Newell said the first thing is to determine how the funds could be raised and that there have been meetings to brainstorm how to do this. Mr. Wagner asked how much money is being held in reserve for the jail and was informed it is just over a total of \$410,000. He stressed the importance of trying to put funds in a dedicated budget line for future construction of a jail. It would be useful to build up a fund to reduce the cost of financing a jail as well as show the County is trying to resolve the problems it is having with the current jail situation. Mr. Wagner said on June 22nd there will be people from Chenango County presenting to Marathon officials with information on how they were able to put \$12 million down on the project and other ways they are able to finance services.

Mr. Troy expressed his belief that the project should be brought to the point of having actual bids completed to have a more accurate figure of the cost to build. Mr. Wagner and Mr. Newell disagreed and said they would be of no value if the jail were not built right away due to changes in requirements of the jail. Mr. Wagner spoke of how the additional sales tax would have helped to pay for a jail.

Mr. Bushnell said for the past eight years there have been a lot of discussions and studies for the jail, the landfill, and recycling center, however, there is no action taken to make it better. All suggestions to bring in revenue or reduce spending are voted down when coming before the full legislature and he believes it will require layoffs to meet the budget cap.

The Committee briefly discussed the SMRT contract and noted that postponing other work may reduce the timeframe for work to be completed near the end of the contract.

Mr. Sudbrink arrived at this time.

Ms. Mousaw asked if the County would be obligated to pay the full \$1.9 million to SMRT at the end of the contract period. Mr. Steinhoff said he doesn't believe it would require that. Mr. Sudbrink asked if there are funds set aside for repairs to the current jail, noting it will require a great deal more work in the future. Mr. Parker said there are repair funds. Mr. Troy said the Committee was to provide a formal recommendation and asked what will happen if the project is stopped. Mr. Steinhoff said a resolution would be required to carry-over the funds from 2017 to 2018 so that they would be available when the project is ready to continue. Mr. Troy reiterated his desire to complete the bid documents to have a true understanding of the costs. Mr. Bushnell said this is an advisory committee and cannot put in any resolutions, they need to go through the JPS Committee. Mr. Parker suggested a recommendation be made to the legislature and that the JPS Committee could put the resolution through at the appropriate time.

The Committee then chose to determine if a consensus could be reached on several factors and a request was made that a vote be taken for each of the following:

- Direct SMRT to continue to work until the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) portion is completed. VOTE - UNANIMOUS.
- Upon completion of the SEQR any additional work described in the SMRT Phase 2 contract shall be put on hold. VOTE - AYES: Steinhoff, Wagner, Price, Discenza, Sudbrink, and Newell; NOES: Troy
- That prior to the 2018 budget approval the remaining funds for the SMRT Phase 2 contract be re-appropriated to 2018. VOTE - UNANIMOUS

IV. Adjournment

On motion the meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

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