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THE MINNEHAHA COUNTY BUILDING COMMITTEE CONVENED AT 10:15 AM on September 20, 2022, pursuant to adjournment on September 6, 2022. Committee Members present were: Commissioners Barth, Bender, Beninga, Heiberger, and Karsky, Facilities Director Kriens, Auditor Kyte, and Commission Administrative Officer Muller. Also present was Kym Christiansen, Commission Recorder.

MOTION by Barth, seconded by Beninga, to approve the meeting minutes from September 6, 2022. 8 ayes.

JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER PROJECT

Tyler Klatt, Assistant Commission Administrative Officer, provided a briefing regarding the Juvenile Detention Center project. The purpose of this project has been to understand the current and future needs of the Juvenile Detention Center, with the goal of providing the Commission with the best information for making a decision. The project work to date has included a population and trends projection report prepared by Bill Garnos, existing facility and site review, and tours of new facilities to understand new design practices. The two significant concerns that are driving the need for the project include building design safety and security limitations as well as key statistics and projections. Some of the issues associated with the building design are the need for a sally port, updates to the courtroom as well as the hallways, and improvements to the staff area. Some of the identified inefficiencies included outdated security electronics, outdated building automation system equipment, sleeping room doors not meeting detention-grade standards, deteriorating lock sets and cell doors, lack of cleanouts for waste pipe, tuck pointing, kitchen equipment, lighting and flooring. The briefing also highlighted the following statistics: intake calls, intake calls by type, admissions, mental health holds, average daily population, length of stay, and space limitations, which indicate that the Juvenile Detention Center will not have enough beds to fill the projected needs by 2026. Some of the operational limitations include the flow throughout the building being limited by youth needing to be separated based on affiliations, youth needing to be separated based on charges, and no flexibility to separate; the youth to staff ratio must remain at 8:1. The opportunities with the Juvenile Detention Center project include flexibility to design the right space, ways to improve safety for all parties at the Juvenile Detention Center, improvement in staff efficiency, and being prepared for the future. The visions for the Juvenile Detention Center project include a normative/therapeutic environment, a secure high school appearance, a safe and secure environment for youth and staff; designing a true juvenile justice center, and being culturally inclusive. The goals for the Juvenile Detention Center Project include flexibility and adaptability; ease of access to the facility, movement toward a pod system model for housing units, bigger medical/wellness space, and staff amenities & respite space. The performance-based standards and the youth behavioral health design principles were highlighted during the briefing. The various areas of the current facility were reviewed. The next step is a building committee on October 4 to hear from representatives with Henry Carlson regarding the project design as well as project financing.

MOTION by Barth, seconded by Kyte, to adjourn. 7 ayes.

APPROVED BY THE BUILDING COMMITTEE:

Cindy Heiberger
Building Committee Chair

ATTEST:

Kym Christiansen
Commission Recorder