

BE IT REMEMBERED THE HENRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND COUNTY COUNCIL, met in a special joint session with the City Council, in the Courthouse Circuit Courtroom, in the City of New Castle, Indiana, on Tuesday, July 10, 2018, at 6:30 P.M. to review and discuss the possibility of a new jail for Henry County. The following members were present: **Commissioners:** Butch Baker and Kim Cronk. **Council Members:** Nate LaMar, Robin Reno-Fleming, Richard Bouslog, Steve Dugger, Michael Thalls and Clay Morgan.

Mr. LaMar opened the meeting with the Pledge to the Flag followed with the invocation. Mr. LaMar proceeded to turn the meeting over to Butch Baker, Commissioner President.

Mr. Baker presented the history behind the new Jail study, which started in March of 2013. He then introduced Jim Robertson to present the Criminal Justice Assessment Report.

Mr. Robertson's power point presentation included the Project Methodology, Data Analysis, Current Programs, Functional Program, Recommendations followed with any questions from the public. Statistics were given on inmate totals back to 2007, showing a decrease in jail population. Recommendations given were continuing the County Drug and Veteran's Court, a new staff position of Case Expeditor, planning for Pre-Trial Services and selecting inmate capacity. Also recommended was selecting a design team.

Heidi Amspaugh, representing H.J. Umbaugh, presented different options the County may consider for financing new jail construction.

After Mr. Robertson's and Ms. Amspaugh's presentations the floor was opened for comments and questions. Greg York, New Castle Mayor, asked if a new jail was needed. Also commenting were Clay Morgan, Nate LaMar, Robin Reno-Fleming, Patsy Conyers, Kim Cronk, Olene Veach, Pat Cronk, Butch Baker, David Fisher, Chad Malicoat, Rex Peckinpaugh, Steve Dugger, Richard Bouslog and Mike Thalls.

After some discussion Mr. Baker suggested himself and Mr. Cronk will work together and bring to the next Council meeting a proposal to move forward with the next step.

Mayor York also agreed with trying to move forward.

Mr. Dugger made a motion to move forward with Mr. Baker's suggestion, followed with a second from Mr. Thalls. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Mrs. Fleming and seconded by Mr. Thalls to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

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Nate LaMar

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Butch Baker

Kim L. Cronk

ATTESTED BY: _____

Patricia A. French, Henry County Auditor