

JEROME COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

PRESENT: Charles Howell, Chairman
Ben Crouch, Vice Chairman
John Crozier, Commissioner
Shannon Carter, Office Administrator for Twin Falls County Commissioners

Meeting convened at 10 A.M.

MEET WITH TWIN FALLS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS—DISCUSS JAIL ADDITION

Jerome employees present were Sheriff George Oppedyk, Chief Deputy Sheriff Gary Taylor, and Jail Administrator Marisela Ibarra. Twin Falls County Commissioners present were Don Hall, Jack Johnson, and Brent Reinke.

Those present discussed the Jerome County jail and its possible expansion options to enable Jerome County to lease more bed space to Twin Falls County.

Commissioner Hall reviewed the space needs of Twin Falls County and its future options for inmate housing. Commissioner Johnson asked Jerome County to provide information on a Jerome County jail expansion and costs, but Commissioner Howell stated the County was waiting for that information.

Commissioner Howell also noted that Jerome County's goal is to be a good neighbor and that collaborating with Twin Falls County would be a priority. He said that the Jerome jail does have expansion capability with the current property footprint.

Twin Falls County Jail Captain Doug Hughes reviewed the current space needs for Twin Falls County inmates.

Commissioner Hall requested that Jerome County provide some proposals on what type of space it could provide Twin Falls County, and Commissioner Howell requested that Twin Falls County provide a proposal on what space it would be requesting from Jerome County.

There was further discussion on Twin Falls County space needs, both long and short term.

Commissioner Hall opened the floor for public questions or comments.

Steve Millington questioned what the current space costs were and how long it would take Jerome County to build additional jail space. Sheriff Oppedyk said it would take about nine months for Jerome County to build additional pods.

There was discussion on future bed space needs for Jerome County, and the sheriff said he estimated that Jerome space needs were covered for the next five to ten years.

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Commissioner Johnson stated that Twin Falls County jail space needs had increased exponentially in the last three years, so a needs study done previously was not as accurate as the commissioners had hoped.

Commissioner Reinke noted that the Twin Falls County Commissioners were looking at all options.

Millington expressed his appreciation for the two counties' willingness to work together.

Respectively submitted:

Shannon Carter
and Jane White

Charles M. Howell, Chairman

A. Ben Crouch, Vice Chairman

John Crozier, Commissioner