

JEROME COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

PRESENT: Ben Crouch, Chairman
Art Watkins, Commissioner
Cody Westover, IT
Desea Lance, IT
Cyril Lootens, County Clerk

Meeting convened at 9:10 A.M.

SERVER ROOM DISCUSSION

Jacob Johnson and Scott Linsley from ETS discussed with the commissioners their thoughts on the server room project. Jacob discussed a letter received from the architects, and what ETS sees needs worked on, as well as what they see as necessary in the plan. Jacob stated he would like to figure out a plan with the architects. He stated there may be miscommunication with the parties involved that has led to today's issues.

Commissioner Crouch spoke of how the process has gone so far, and he asked that the commissioners be more involved in discussions of the everyday plans of the server room. He stated ETS has been relying on the county's IT department for answers, but the commissioners need to be involved in the conversations as well so they can stay informed. He also stated that by the end of today's meetings the county needs to have a solid plan in place.

Jacob discussed with the commissioners what the county needs right away and what is needed in the future as far as space, servers, and power supply, including what the county needs to do for a diesel generator backup system.

Commissioner Howell arrived at 9:35 A.M.

Jacob discussed that the county currently has five facilities that house servers and data. ETS would like to combine all these facilities into one in the new server room.

Commissioner Howell asked how the county will be able to afford a connected facility as is being discussed. The County commissioners expressed their frustration with the process so far in getting all these details ironed out with all parties involved.

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Scott Linsley - ETS
Jacob Johnson – ETS
Kevin Thibault – EDA
Tom Brennan – EDA
Clay Bingham – DC Engineering

The discussion was continued in the Jack Nelsen conference room to accommodate the discussion. Representatives from ETS, DC Engineers, EDA, and Jerome County IT were in attendance.

Jacob Johnson from ETS began the discussion by asking the county to state its goals for the project. Commissioners Crouch and Howell discussed what the county needs from the server room right away, including having room to grow in the future. Commissioner Howell stated that fixing the county's current IT issues now is what is most important. Commissioner Watkins asked if the project can be done in stages.

Kevin Thibault from EDA stated that they need a quote about power needs on day one provided from ETS and the County IT.

Clay from DC Engineers discussed how it created its design and what power and generators are required.

Jacob asked how much of the servers and data need to be moved over to the data center from all current facilities. He suggested 80%.

Air cooling of the server room was discussed. Making the cooling for the size of what is needed in the future is important because expanding cooling in the future is difficult.

Jacob asked to see the blueprint of the floor plans of the server room. DC Engineers provided the floor plan and presented it in the meeting.

A timeline of progress was discussed. DC Engineers said it will be putting together quotes based on today's discussion and decisions to continue progress because it is at least 12 weeks out on parts.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Chief Deputy Clerk Tracee McKim was present via phone call.

Tracee has updated budget numbers since the last meeting. She discussed what changes were made, and that the county is still spending under its projected budget.

She stated that the county is still waiting for the Abstract from the County Assessor's Office to have final tax numbers to base the budget.

Commissioner Howell discussed that the sheriff's office needs to remove a shed from its facility and replace it, and asked if the cost for that was in the budget now. Tracee discussed where the money could be taken from and said that nothing would need to be added to what she has already calculated.

Next, the ambulance budget was discussed. Tracee stated that the cost of the contract with Magic Valley paramedics has increased to \$618,000 this year. Commissioner Howell asked if the amount given to the Quick Response Units could be increased. Tracee stated she would look and make sure that if the budget was increased by \$10,000 if that would put them over their levy limit once we have the abstract from the Assessor's office.

Tracee stated that once final numbers are in from the assessor's office another budget hearing will need to take place so that the commissioners can sign off on the tentative budget, and it can be advertised to the public. The numbers can then be sent to department heads for their review as well.

Meeting adjourned at 12 NOON.

Respectively submitted:

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Cy Lootens, Clerk

A. Ben Crouch, Chairman

Charles M. Howell, Commissioner

Art Watkins, Commissioner