

DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC HEARING OF THE JUSTICE STUDY

JULY 15, 2019

The second Public Hearing of the Dubois County Commissioners Justice Study was held in the Commissioners / Council Room in the Dubois County Annex in Jasper, Indiana, beginning at 8:00 a.m. (EST) on July 15, 2019. Present were Commissioners Chad A. Blessinger, Elmer Brames and Nick Hostetter. Also present were County Auditor Sandra L. Morton, County Attorney Gregory S. Schnarr, Sanjay Patel of RQAW, Eric Weflen of RQAW, Matt Eckerle of BakerTilley and Jack Krouse of CCI.

The meeting was opened by President Chad Blessinger.

RE: RQAW PRESENTATION

Sanjay Patel, RQAW, presented a summary of the findings of the Justice Feasibility Study. Proposed solutions were presented by the following options:

Option 1 - \$43,108,819 approximate total cost – To be located at the Security Center site.

Option 2 - \$50,794,190 approximate total cost – To be located at the downtown Old National Bank site.

Option 3 - \$50,122,150 approximate total cost – To be located at a new Greenfield site to be determined.

RE: BAKER TILLEY PRESENTATION

Matt Eckerle, BakerTilley, presented a summary of the financial scenarios for the project. Financing scenarios were proposed for each option presented by RQAW.

RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Schneider, Jasper resident, concerned by the cost of the project. If we build a larger site, what is the intended use when the beds are empty. He would like the size and costs of the project reduced.

Commissioner Blessinger presented a petition submitted by the Jasper Downtown Business Merchants stating they are not in favor of the Facility being located in the downtown area. Gil Eckerle also commented.

Council President Jerry Hunefeld commented on the adoption of the LIT-CR tax.

Senior Judge William Weikert commented on the number of inmates in the current Jail and Community Correction facilities. Consideration needs to be made due to new legislation.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

With no further comments from the public, the public hearing was adjourned at 8:40 a.m.