

Minnehaha County Criminal Justice Advisory Committee Meeting
August 4, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Committee Members: Commissioner Dick Kelly, Commissioner Gerald Beninga, Sheriff Mike Milstead, Warden Jeff Gromer
Other Attendees: Chief Deputy Sheriff Michelle Boyd, Robert Wilson (secretary)

I. Quorum Determination:

Four of five members of the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee were present. It was announced that current committee chairman, Craig Anderson has submitted his resignation from the committee effective immediately due to work conflicts. The four committee members present will conduct today's meeting. There was a discussion of several individuals the County Commission may want to consider for future committee membership.

II. Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was approved as drafted.

III. Discussion of Bill Garnos' Involvement in Proposal Recommendation:

Committee members indicated they have a concern about Bill Garnos participating in the interviews with the firms presenting today. Bill is listed as a possible consultant for several of the firms. Regardless of the conversation at the last Criminal Justice Advisory Committee meeting when Mr. Garnos explained he would only be working for one of the firms if he was not retained by the county, the committee was very concerned about the perception of including Bill in the interview process.

The committee decided the only way it would be appropriate to include Mr. Garnos in the review process of the interviewing firms would be if there was a technical question that required Bill's input. Otherwise the committee will begin utilizing Mr. Garnos' services after a recommendation of one of the candidates is made to the Minnehaha County Commission.

It was agreed that Mr. Garnos will be a valuable resource to the committee regarding staffing issues, efficiency and work-flow procedures and the appropriate mix of types of housing units.

IV. Consider Approval of Meeting Minutes from the March 17, 2014 Meeting:

Motion by Kelly to approve with one minor change. Seconded by Beninga. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Consider Approval of Meeting Minutes from the July 10, 2014 Meeting:

Motion by Kelly to approve as presented. Seconded by Beninga. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Discussion of the Interview Process for the Four Teams Scheduled to Present:

The committee reviewed the questions that would be asked of all teams following the firms initial presentations.

VII. Committee Interviews with Finalist Firms:

As specified in the Jail Master Planning RFP, the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee individually interviewed the teams that submitted the top four proposals.

VIII. Meeting Adjourned