

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
GENESEE COUNTY LEGISLATURE
OLD COURTHOUSE LEGISLATIVE CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 2021
FOLLOWING LEGISLATURE MEETING**

The Genesee County Legislature met on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 following the regular Legislature Meeting at approximately 6:30 PM at the Old County Courthouse Legislative Chambers, Batavia, New York.

Legislature Chair Rochelle Stein called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm in the Legislative Chambers at the Old Courthouse. County Manager Matt Landers introduced Graham Vickers of SMRT and Mark Bolland of Pike Co.

Mr. Vickers reviewed the Jail Project history, a summary of the revised bed need report and current construction cost estimates. No reduction in bed numbers was recommended by several stakeholder groups. Total cost is anticipated at \$69,656,860. Removal of 8 cells results in a savings of \$840,000. Jail deficiencies exist with the current facility and include capacity limitations, the overall condition of the building, inadequate space for services and programs, inadequate space to process, supervise and separate inmates resulting in more challenges with maintaining a safe and secure environment for CO's and prisoners. The County and Sheriff have statutory and constitutional responsibilities pertaining to housing persons safely and securely. The Commission on Corrections (CoC) determines capacity of the current jail, prevents housing females and staffing levels. They have a huge impact on planning and must approve the county's decisions about future bed space projections and the number and type of beds to be built. They also have high requirements for design and require direct supervision management of inmates which is costly.

The County Manager was asked to reconvene the Jail Committee to ensure consensus with proceeding with the 'restart' button, the Legislature agreed to continue with next steps up to the point where bids are received and a determination can be made if the county can afford to build the new jail and updated calculations pertaining to a cost analysis of ICE utilizing beds.

At 8:00 PM the meeting adjourned upon motion of Legislator Maha seconded by Legislator Deleo, carried unanimously.

Rochelle M. Stein – Approved – 9/22/21

Rochelle M. Stein, Chair
Committee of the Whole
Submitted September 22, 2021

