

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
GENESEE COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
Batavia, New York  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2019**

The Genesee County Legislature met on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 following the Legislature meeting at the Old County Court House Legislative Conference Room, Batavia, New York.

Legislature Chair Robert Bausch called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm and stated this is a follow up meeting to the October 9, 2019 Committee of the Whole when the new jail was discussed and action halted due to the lack of long-term funding mechanism. At that time, the County was waiting for Governor Cuomo to sign special legislation authorizing a 40-year Sales Tax Allocation Agreement. Now that the bill has been signed and the Sales Tax Agreement has been sent to the Comptroller for approval, he asked New Jail Committee Chairmen Sheriff Sheron and Assistant County Manager Landers to discuss the history of the jail and next steps.

Sheriff Sheron gave the following history of the Jail; built in 1902. In 1977, discussion regarding plans to construct a new jail, in 1984-85 the addition was built. In 1988 former Sheriff Maha filed paperwork to convert to a dorm. Variances have been requested and granted by Commission of Corrections (CoC)-all variances have been temporary. Since 2004 the CoC has noted that there has been no movement in Genesee County to address capacity concerns. In 2017 variances were reduced to 3-months requiring more frequent applications. Eventually, a 6 month variance was granted when the County began demonstrating movement with a Jail study and eventual contract with SMRT for design work and approval of new jail site. The jail study was comprehensive and recommended between 180-190 beds.

Mr. Landers shared a spreadsheet with cost calculations and stated the recommendation is for 184 beds and 4 pods. Funding assumptions include 2% growth in sales tax and 2.9% interest rate on the bond. He stated that the New Jail Committee will be busy with ensuring redesigns are limited or non-existent to reduce the potential for exceeding the \$60 M price tag.

Chair Bausch asked Legislators if they are comfortable picking up where we left off after the Committee of the Whole meeting October 9, 2019 where action was halted. Legislators Stein, Maha and Torrey stated they are satisfied with the outcome of the recommendations from the New Jail study and wish to proceed with a 184 bed, 4-pod jail and have the consultants continue with plans and next steps. Chair Bausch confirmed that all are in agreement with moving ahead with consultant work which includes 184 bed 4-pod jail at the approved property on West Main Street.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35PM upon motion of Legislator Stein seconded by Legislator Maha, carried unanimously.