

PROCEEDINGS OF THE STEELE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SPECIAL SESSION

August 24, 2021

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COUNTY OF STEELE     )

The Steele County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session at 3:00 p.m. on August 24, 2021 with Commissioners Glynn, Krueger, Brady and Gnemi present. Commissioner Abbe was absent. Also present were Sheriff Lon Thiele, Chief Deputy Sheriff Scott Hanson, Jail Administrator Anthony Buttera, Assistant Jail Administrator Paul Prissel, Maintenance and Grounds Director Jake Rysavy, County Treasurer Cathy Piepho, Human Resources Director Julie Johnson, Financial Analyst Jonathon Walstrom, Veterans Service Officer Rene Gilormini, County Administrator Scott Golberg and County Auditor Laura Ihrke.

Call to Order and approve Agenda.

Rene discussed the Veterans Services Operational Enhancement Grant Agreement. It will aid in obtaining medical opinions, emergency shelter, good assistance and advertising of DVA and MNDVA programs and special grants available to certain veterans.

Scott explained that he and Cathy have been working on the budget and meeting with Department heads. An area that needs to be determined is the Detention Center Operations.

Anthony presented the board members 4 scenarios and the estimated cost to consider for the Detention Center. They are as follows:

Scenario 1: Current operations (temporary solution)

Scenario 2: Current 2-Pod Operation with the addition of a wall in one pod.

Scenario 3: 72-hour hold and transport

Scenario 4: Steele County Inmates only

Commissioner Glynn brought up another scenario to consider, which would be to close the jail and just have a “book and transport” operation.

There was a lot of discussion surrounding the different options and Commissioner Glynn suggested this discussion be moved to the next work session.

Scott and Cathy discussed the preliminary budget. Currently the increase is at 7.2%. The Board also discussed Capital Improvements.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
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