

The Special Meeting for the Delaware County Jail Oversight Board was held on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 4:30 pm in the Delaware County Council Meeting Room, Government Center Building, Media, PA.

Present: Kevin Madden, Chairman; Joanne Phillips, Vice Chair; Howard Lazarus, Executive Director; Honorable John J. Whelan; Jerry Sanders, County Sheriff; Brian Corson, Citizen Appointment; Deborah Love, Citizen Appointment; Jonathan King, Citizen Appointment; Majid Alsayegh of Alta Management; Also present were Carlton Johnson, Esq. and Shelley Smith, Esq., of Archer & Greiner, PC.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: There were no comments on Agenda Items.

Review of Cost Data for Partial Takeover: Mr. Alsayegh provided a brief overview of the cost data for the RFP's for Medical, Maintenance, Food Service and Commissary. There is a RFP for Human Resource Services as well to assist with the transition.

Judge Whelan expressed concern if GEO could terminate the contract. Mr. Madden assured Judge Whelan that GEO could not unilaterally terminate the provisions of the contract.

Vote to recommend partial takeover of the following: Medical, Maintenance, Food Service, and Commissary. Motion made by Sheriff Sanders and seconded by Mr. King. Discussion followed. Vote carried 6-2.

Mr. Corson- yes

Mr. King- yes

Mr. Lazarus- yes

Controller Phillips- yes

Sheriff Sanders- yes

Mr. Madden- yes

Ms. Love- nay

Judge Whelan- nay

Judge Whelan put on record that Judge Brennan was unable to attend the meeting, however her vote would not affect on the outcome of this matter.

Consideration of the GEO contract: Mr. Alsayegh provided a brief presentation on the current operations at George Hill. The presentation included GEO Group financials, savings, operational challenges, capital improvements, a county transition plan, transition costs and a proposed transition schedule. The proposed transition schedule estimates county would take over prison operations by April 2022.

Vote to recommend that the County exercise the Termination Clause in its contract with GEO:

Motion made by Sheriff Sanders and seconded by Mr. Lazarus. Discussion followed. Vote carried 6-2.

Mr. Corson- yes

Mr. King- yes

Mr. Lazarus- yes

Controller Phillips- yes

Mr. Madden- yes

Sheriff Sanders- yes

Judge Whelan- nay

Ms. Love- nay

Public Comment: Attorney James Famiglio, (no address provided): Mr. Famiglio warned that the County's liability would be reduced, and injured persons limited in their ability to recover damages, if the County were to deprivatize.

Mary Austin, 1036 First Avenue, Medial PA: Thanked the JOB for taking the first step to de-privatize George W. Hill. Ms. Austin stated that by voting on a partial takeover, the county is not only saving dollars but also the community.

Clifford Brock, 819 Gunther Avenue, Yeadon, PA: Mr. Brock is a member of the Delco CPR and is grateful that the road map has been laid out. Mr. Brock believes that county takeover would be successful with hard work and due diligence.

Jane Dunbar, 232 Garfield Avenue, Norwood, PA: Thanked the JOB for voting on a partial takeover. Ms. Dunbar asked what is a bail setter? Judge Whelan advised that a bail setter does not set bail. Upon review of a criminal case, the bail setter makes a recommendation to the district ministry.

Suzanne Wallace, 929 Harper Avenue, Drexel Hill, PA: Asked if detainees (people with minor probation offenses) are sent to George Hill? Mr. Madden absconded Ms. Wallace that detainees are brought to George W. Hill. Ms. Wallace was welcomed to follow up with further questions once the meeting concludes.

Ms. Phillips made a motion to adjourn seconded by Mr. King. Motion carried unanimously.