

Middle River Regional Jail Authority
Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Superintendent to coordinate the submission of a Community Based Corrections Plan to the Virginia Board of Corrections

Whereas, the Middle River Regional Jail inmate population has grown significantly since the jail opened in 2006 (rated inmate capacity 396 with average daily inmate population over 900 in 2019) in terms of the number inmates housed, staff employed, services provided, and overall budget; and

Whereas, the Middle River Regional Jail Authority retained the services of Moseley Architects to develop a Needs Assessment and Planning Study with the ultimate goal of submitting a Community Based Corrections Plan in accordance with Code of Virginia §53.1-82.1 and in compliance with Board of Corrections Jail Standard 6 VAC 15-81 to the Virginia Board of Corrections; and

Whereas, with the increased inmate population, there are increasing requirements for the provision of treatment for inmate mental health conditions, substance abuse disorders and medical care, which drive the need for certain upgrades and expansion of related treatment facilities; and

Whereas, the Middle River Regional Jail Authority has reviewed the following three options to address the foregoing concerns:

Plan A: A longer term plan that includes a 400-bed minimum custody housing unit to allow for a future buildout to house an additional 400 inmates. The total estimate for this project is \$96,531,639.

Plan B: A plan to address mid-term needs that includes a 400-bed minimum custody housing unit. The total estimate for this project is \$58,441,761.

Plan C: A plan to address the more immediate needs that would include a 200-bed community custody facility with 200-bed minimum custody housing unit. The total estimate for this project is \$40,033,233.

Whereas, all three plans include renovations or additions to certain existing jail facilities, including the Lobby, Property Storage, Mental Health Treatment Facilities, Medical Facilities, Kitchen, Laundry, Warehouse and Maintenance Facilities.

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Board of the Middle River Regional Jail Authority, that the Superintendent is authorized and directed to coordinate the submission of a Community Based Corrections Plan to the Board of Corrections by December 31, 2019, using Plan A as the basis for the submission; and

Be it further Resolved that the Board takes notice that submission of the Community Based Corrections Plan, using Plan A as the basis for the submission, does not legally obligate the Middle River Regional Jail Authority or any of its member jurisdictions to proceed with any construction project or financial contribution to the same; and that the submitted Community Based Corrections Plan is subject to review and revision by the Middle River Regional Jail Authority with the understanding that changes are likely to the size and scope of the final approved plan; and

Be it further Resolved that the Authority plans to seek Board of Corrections approval and ultimately General Assembly approval of the Commonwealth's 25% share of eligible cost reimbursement for the project, in its eventual size and scope, should it be undertaken.

Approved by the Board for the Middle River Regional Jail Authority this 3rd day of December, 2019.

By:


Chairman

Attest:
Clerk

