

JAIL COMMITTEE

MEETING-5th Floor-Conference Room

JUNE 9, 2026 – 4:00 PM

MINUTES

A. Call to Order

Tom Tikkanen called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Tom agreed to be the temporary Chairman for the meeting.

B. Roll Call

Tom Tikkanen stated the following were present: Tom Tikkanen, Gretchen Janssen (By Teams then in Person), Justin LaCosse, Todd LaRoux, Andrea Johnson, Faith Morrison and Jennifer Kelly.

By Microsoft Teams: Ruth Gill, Jason Baker and Krissy Sundstrom

Also in attendance were Andrew Kemper and Ben Larson from Moyle.

C. Approval of Agenda/Additions

Tom Tikkanen asked the Committee to add #3 to New Business to discuss a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners for tonight's Board meeting.

Andrea Johnson requested #1 under Old Business for new comments on the website survey.

A Motion was made by Tom Tikkanen and seconded by Gretchen Janssen to approve the agenda with the two (2) addition as presented.

The Motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 6, Nays 0.

D. Approval of Meeting minutes of June 1, 2026

A Motion was made by Faith Morrison and seconded by Andrea Johnson to approve the June 1, 2026 minutes as presented.

The Motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 6, Nays 0.

E. Public Comments

None.

F. Old Business

1. County Website Survey comments

Andrea read the 3 comments from the County Website Survey.

G. New Business

1. Moyle discussion

Tom Tikkanen discussed Andrew Kemper and Ben Larson were present to discuss how Moyle can build a jail at a lower cost. He commented that it has been answered if the

County has assets to liquidate. It has been answered where the best place is for the jail to be built. Now, Moyle has come forward to discuss their being able to build a jail at a lower cost.

Andrew Kemper discussed the public/private relationships with a jail. They have brought in partners/consultants/specialists and have a lender that works on jail partnerships. He discussed 2 counties, Monroe and Ingham, that did a 20-year payback on a new jail. They have an architect and will work with UP Engineering. Moyle would like to do a presentation to the County and give a total cost but are waiting on the County's 2025 financials in order to proceed. They have shared data with each Commissioner separately.

Tom Tikkanen asked about the build concept lowering construction costs. Gretchen Janssen asked why it would bring the cost down. Tom Tikkanen stated because of the special needs' requirements. Faith Morrison discussed the cost savings and streamline approach and to identify what will be less expensive than Abonmarche/Byce. Andrew Kemper stated they would save significant amounts of money by lowering Administrative Costs by 8-10%. He discussed calculating a completion date for the construction with an estimated budget in real time. Faith Morrison asked about competitive contractors. Andrew stated they would use local contractors to get bids which would be public bidding with trade contractors. Gretchen Janssen asked why the County cannot do a millage and then get bids and not give preference to 1 contractor as the County must accept bids from other companies. Andrea Johnson stated there is more overhead costs with a millage. Andrew stated Moyle would save the County money on the Administrative Costs with a lease back agreement. Faith discussed how much it will cost to design the building for the financial and engineering and asked about it being broke down. Tom Tikkanen stated Moyle is trying to assist the County in building a jail. The Committee discussed the differences in a lease build and a design build. The lease on bond payments could be \$1.5 million per year which the County would have to pay. Justin LaCosse asked if we can get an estimated amount from Moyle. Tom stated that cannot be done until the County gets their 2025 taxes. Andrea and Todd LaRoux asked if other contractors are willing to do the same as Moyle. Andrew Kemper stated they have potential lower rates for financing. They would do a construction drawing and an estimate at no cost to the County. They would have a detailed budget. The work team to finalize the scope of the final outcome of the project. Faith discussed the MDOC reviewing the plans.

2. Equalization discussion

Jaikob Djerf discussed how the revenues are now. They are trending at an upward pace, but is a little slower the past 2-3 years. Tom Tikkanen stated every department has to cut back.

3. Discuss a recommendation for 6/9 Board of Commissioners meeting

Faith Morrison asked when the County will receive the audit. Tom Tikkanen stated hopefully in 2 weeks. Andrew stated it would take 10 days to get the County a proposal.

Motion by Faith Morrison and seconded by Todd LaRoux that the Jail Committing supports the county board seeking more information on a design/build pathway, information on leaseback arrangements, information on the process for such collaborations, and what steps are appropriate for the county to pursue appropriate due diligence in committing public funds for the jail through these pathways.

The Motion carried by a voice vote. Ayes 6, Nays 0.

4. Next meeting date and time

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at 4:00 pm.

H. Public Comments

Ruth Gill asked a question.

Tom Tikkanen stated Jason Baker would join the Jail Committee.

I. Adjournment

Moved by Faith Morrison, supported by Todd LaRoux and the committee voted unanimously to adjourned the meeting at 5:33 pm.

TOM TIKKANEN

JENNIFER KELLY
COUNTY CLERK/REGISTER OF DEEDS

APPROVED: _____
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