

1 CRIMINAL JUSTICE WORKSHOP
2 SPOKANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
3 DETENTION SERVICES
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7 Spokane Regional Health Building

8 1101 West College Avenue

9 Spokane, Washington 99206
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11 Organizers: Lieutenant Mike Sparber, Heather Martinez

12 Facilitator: Steve Kent
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14 LIEUTENANT MIKE SPARBER: First off, I'm Lieutenant
15 Sparber. I'm with the Detention Services Project. I know
16 many of you have been involved in this process since the
17 very beginning. And I want to thank you, one, for the last
18 two years of the hard work we've put into this. It's paid
19 off tremendously. And I want to thank you going into the
20 next year for the hard work that's before us, because I know
21 there's a lot before us.

22 So kind of the rules of the road. What this meeting
23 is about is about talking through some of the impacts that
24 might arise from having a downtown, excuse me, a vertical
25 facility, which would be located, more likely than not, in,

1 on the County campus, depending on what sites came up, and
2 also a horizontal facility which, more than likely, would be
3 kind of a multi-agency where you would have, the downtown
4 would be the booking facility and the hard facility. And
5 then the other facility would be located someplace other
6 than on where the County campus is located at.

7 So what we want to do is talk through some of those,
8 those issues and figure out if there's any impacts, identify
9 them right away, get them down on paper, mitigate the ones
10 that we can mitigate, talk about the ones that can't be
11 mitigated away, and see what the solutions are for them, if
12 there is any solutions, and just have answers going up
13 front. Because I think it's important to the Board of
14 County Commissioners when they sit down and make this
15 decision, and they do have the ultimate decision, because
16 not only do they have the purse strings, but they're also
17 the applicant in this process, because they are responsible
18 for the, for running the operation of it, too. So anyway,
19 that's what we're gonna be talking about today.

20 The bathrooms are out the door and to the left. I
21 thought there was some right out here in the foyer, but
22 there is not. You have to make your way all the way out
23 there to, to where the entrance of the door is. Feel free
24 to get coffee and stuff as much as you want to.

25 We are gonna break up into workgroups. And I'm gonna

1 turn it over to the facilitator. And once he does that,
2 he's in charge of the meeting. I'll just sit down and keep
3 my mouth quiet.

4 But I would like to give Bonnie Mager an opportunity
5 to come up. She was the one that asked for this meeting
6 along with some of the other commissioners. But she was
7 really the one that lead this one to, to get your input. So
8 Commissioner Mager, please.

9 COMMISSIONER BONNIE MAGER: Good morning. And I
10 really want to thank all of you for taking your time to come
11 today. It was really important to me to see all of you here
12 so that we can get all of your input at one time. I've
13 found it helpful as I've been a commissioner to have these
14 gatherings from time to time so that we can actually benefit
15 from sort of the cross pollination, as it were. And so as
16 we look at this big decision that we're about to make, I'm
17 very happy to have so many people from various different
18 departments that will be impacted.

19 And I want to thank Mike and Heather, because they did
20 the yeoman's labor in getting this all together. And it's
21 not easy, as you all know, to coordinate schedules. And so
22 thank you all, and thank you Mike and Heather.

23 LIEUTENANT MIKE SPARBER: Okay. So here's another
24 rule of the road. We're gonna have this recorded so that
25 rather than walking away here, don't take notes, I'm gonna

1 have it recorded. You don't have to spend your time taking
2 notes. You can pay attention to what's going on and be
3 engaged.

4 We have a court reporter here. Her name is Rita
5 Ketzka. And what's important for her is that when, if you do
6 have any questions for the facilitator that you talk clearly
7 into the microphone and say your name. And that way she can
8 get your name down and record your, your concerns, as well.

9 So without further adeu, I'd like to introduce the
10 Sheriff. And he's just gonna talk briefly about how we got
11 here and what brought us here from his perspective.

12 Sheriff, can you come forward, please.

13 SHERIFF OZZIE KNEZOVICH: As you all know, we've been
14 working this particular situation since about 2005. In 2006
15 we really started moving forward on trying to find solutions
16 to the situation. We've gone across the United States
17 looking at different models. We've spent time in training
18 classes on learning how to build jails and the philosophies
19 behind building jails.

20 In 2008, 2007/2008 we went through a central siting
21 process. In 2008 we made a decision that we place the jail
22 downtown. The problem is when we made that decision, we
23 didn't know the costs. We had no idea what the costs were
24 going to be. In August of 2008 we were handed a
25 245 million dollar project with an additional 8.5 million

1 dollars in operation costs. Quite frankly, folks, this
2 community can't afford that.

3 In order for us to build that project, we would have
4 to pass a bond and pass at least, now I'll have to, I'd have
5 to go with the two-tenths of 1 percent, because one-tenth
6 wouldn't cover it. I mean a two-tenths of 1 percent sales
7 tax just to cover the new operation costs. That was
8 unacceptable. We could not do that. That is a no win bond.

9 We've seen Kootenai County go through three separate
10 attempts. Their last attempt they actually, it was designed
11 just that way. Build a jail, and sales tax to do
12 operations.

13 We took this thing back to the drawing board. And I
14 pushed really hard this time to get the difference between
15 vertical and horizontal, what is that gonna cost. What are
16 the differences in those structure models. We took that
17 1.5, or 8.5 million dollar operations cost, and depending on
18 models that we choose, that's either a net zero or 1.2
19 million dollar operations cost increase.

20 We actually did a trend line analysis as far as what
21 it looks like with this project based on the savings of
22 building horizontal and the increased cost of operating a
23 horizontal facility. Trend line, depending on what numbers
24 we want to use, reach out roughly 68 years before they, they
25 merge. Project runs roughly 50, 55 years. Our goal in this

1 whole project was to project out at least 40 years so this
2 community wouldn't have to go through this multiple times.

3 In the models that we've worked, we're trying to keep
4 in mind that we have partners in this arena that we have to
5 serve, U.S. Marshals being one. I've met in the last, I
6 think it was a month and a half with the Federal Defenders.
7 They are frustrated with the system. I know that the
8 Federal Magistrates are none too pleased with the system.

9 And we have developed a philosophy that if we used the
10 revenues from the U.S. Marshals, set those revenues aside,
11 there's a possibility that we could sustain the building of
12 the future jail complex using that revenue system.

13 So that's why we're here today, is to compare the two
14 designs, where we're at, and how that's going to affect you,
15 the mitigation of any concerns. So I hope that we do have
16 good discussion today, and that we come through with some
17 understandings.

18 And Steve Kent is going to be our facilitator. Steve,
19 the one thing I really like about Steve is, he's goal
20 oriented. Everything is results driven. And everything
21 comes down to budget, strategic budgeting and how we go with
22 developing systems that we can sustain and we can pay for.
23 And when we look at something, we will get community safety,
24 officer safety, and how it affects the bottom line.

25 Steve.

1 MR. STEVE KENT: Thank you, Sheriff.

2 It is a gigantic honor for me to be here and work on
3 you all's behalf and join each of you in service to the
4 people who pay bills around here, the people of Spokane
5 County. That's a big honor for me. And it brings honor on
6 my firm to be able to do this.

7 Some additional trivia things. First of all, cell
8 phones and pagers don't bother me. I realize some of you
9 all might need to leave those on, you need to be in touch
10 out there. That doesn't bother me at all. Nothing bothers
11 me in workshops.

12 The other day I was in a workshop. And there was a
13 guy over here, and a guy over there. And they were text
14 messaging one another all morning. That was really
15 annoying. We had a little chat about it in the hallway, and
16 that went away.

17 We'll take about a break about every hour. And we
18 will be out of here today, anyway, not later than 12:30.
19 No, I do not have the swine flu. I do have a case of kennel
20 cough from flying on the airplane for, last week a couple
21 times. So forgive me if my voice breaks.

22 Three little Steve-isms for your back pocket for this
23 meeting. I believe there's only two kinds of people, ladies
24 and gentlemen; them that plan, and them that get to live
25 with the plan. One of the things I appreciate about the

1 Spokane County Sheriff's Office is our Sheriff is, in fact,
2 committed to planning for the long-term.

3 Most people simply do whatever's next. That's what
4 gets into difficulties in the short-term and the long run.
5 And so the commitment to long-range planning certainly is
6 there. What do we want Spokane County to look like 40 years
7 from now is an entirely doable thing. And everything else
8 is about how we get there.

9 The second rule I have for you to consider is when
10 faced with a lack of information, people tend to fill the
11 vacuum with bad news. This is about sharing some
12 information, about getting some information, getting things
13 out on the table.

14 And the third one is this, pretty simple but yet very
15 profound. I'm not one much to engage in hyperbole, blowing
16 things out of proportion. So when I use the term gentleman,
17 that is a high praise. I have a friend named Jim Swinyard.
18 Jim retired as Sheriff of Benton County, Oregon, about three
19 years ago. Corvallis is the county seat. And he is a
20 consummate gentleman.

21 And whenever Jim sits in meetings, and he hears people
22 sort of chipping away at what somebody said or what they
23 were doing or what they meant, he will say stop. I believe
24 we need to start giving everyone the benefit of their
25 positive intent here. That's a very profound statement.

1 I'd be interested in what you all think that means, giving
2 everyone the benefit of their positive intent. I'll give
3 you the benefit of your positive intent, whatever comes out
4 of your mind. What does that mean for this meeting?

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Isn't that called presumed good
6 intent, also. And the way I see it is, basically, assuming
7 that someone means exactly what they say, you have reason to
8 believe them.

9 MR. STEVE KENT: All right, sir. Well said. Well
10 said.

11 Well, let's get into this, since we have a limited
12 amount of time on the plan, for that matter. I want to walk
13 you all through this slide program, and then -- so you can
14 see what the construction of it is. And then we will go
15 back and engage in some work sessions here to get at the
16 issue. And we'll make sure that all of you have at least
17 access to this slide program for your future consideration
18 or discussions with folks outside of this meeting. The
19 Agenda, I believe everybody has a copy of that.

20 The objective for today is to ensure that both the
21 foreseeable benefits and concerns associated with vertical
22 and horizontal jail facilities are identified and
23 effectively considered in our planning process by securing
24 input from elected and appointed officials. So there's the
25 challenge, the mission for the day.

1 I'm gonna to back to this slide to get you all into it
2 and how will you determine this meeting as a success. And
3 we'll go around the room and do a little bit of that with
4 some introductions momentarily.

5 This is one of those things that I say quite often in
6 my work sessions, either the consulting side or the training
7 side of our firm. Problems and obstacles are the things we
8 see when we take our eyes off the destination, when we take
9 our eyes off the result.

10 The result for jails in America, I am bored now. And
11 this is the only time I will give you some editorialism
12 during this session, anyway. I am bored with a bunch of
13 things in America that I see. I train law enforcement
14 officers across the United States; the federal level, the
15 state level, the county level, the municipal level, tribal
16 level, court level, university level. It seems to me that
17 there's never enough money to get a thing done until
18 somebody gets killed, and then the money appears.

19 My view, folks, is we got enough money in Spokane
20 County. What we've got is a distribution problem. And that
21 issue about a jail facility or any other facility, whether
22 that's the courts and proper staffing, Marshal's office, you
23 name it, we've got to do a better job in America of
24 promoting public safety at the top of everyone's list.

25 And here's my editorial. I don't want any more

1 streets and roads in this county if people are unsafe
2 driving on them. I don't want any more schools in this city
3 or this county if people are afraid to send their kids
4 there. And I don't want any more stores and businesses if
5 people don't feel safe shopping there. Public safety needs
6 to be at the top of the list. So I salute you for this
7 endeavor and for anything ahead in the future.

8 When will I stop seeing jails that are built to deal
9 with the population of yesterday and start seeing jails that
10 are built, as our Sheriff and team are putting together, for
11 something down the road in the future. When will I stop
12 seeing jails built without involving the people who've got
13 to make it operate in the process. Well, that piece is in
14 in place, too.

15 In 1987 I was the vice-president in a little
16 corporation in Portland now known as Legacy Health Systems,
17 the fourth largest private employer in the state of Oregon.
18 It's a health care organization. And, you know, I had this
19 groundhog day thing virtually every day. A hospital is
20 defined as a newly completed wing attached to a wing under
21 construction.

22 And I just got tired of the process. It was over and
23 over and over again. And in many ways it was because we
24 didn't think well enough ahead to buy the land and to plan
25 for the future of that thing. And so I was at least

1 learning an awful lot about that process in building the
2 hospitals of the future. And you all are in that position
3 right now.

4 Problems and obstacles are the things we're gonna see
5 when we take our eyes off the result. The result is, I have
6 to leave it to you all to figure out why we have a jail.
7 Not what it's gonna look like, where it's gonna be, but why
8 is that important to the people of Spokane County.

9 We will be breaking up here into some, perhaps,
10 different configurations. I'd like to see at each of these
11 tables - and we'll do this at another break here - I'd like
12 to see at each of these tables representatives at each table
13 from the project team, judicial, construction, pretrial,
14 Board of County Commissioners. Are there any groups that
15 I've left off of this?

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: City officials.

17 MR. STEVE KENT: City officials. I'll add that one.
18 Thank you.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: State.

20 MR. STEVE KENT: Why don't I just do that right now,
21 and then it's done. So we have at each table --

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: State, Washington State
23 Correctional.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Law enforcement.

25 MR. STEVE KENT: Clearly, I'm gonna need more slides.

1 Anything else?

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The defense bar.

3 MR. STEVE KENT: All right. And we will reconfigure
4 ourselves momentarily. During those work sessions, I'm
5 gonna ask you all, please stay on point. War stories are
6 fun, but we have to get down to the discussion here. These
7 categories for you to identify; the benefits of either a
8 vertical or a horizontal facility, the benefits and the
9 concerns or obstacles about transportation, court
10 proceedings, costs, construction, et cetera.

11 Before I move on, are there any other categories that
12 we need to add to this list in order to, to identify
13 concerns and benefits? Please, sir.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Programs. Program delivery.

15 MR. STEVE KENT: Other things, folks?

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Accessibility, unless you count
17 that under location.

18 MR. STEVE KENT: All right. I will tell you what, if
19 something else comes up, we can add it later. And I'll
20 revise these slides while you all are doing some work.

21 So we have a mission for today, some categories. And
22 so what you'll get out of this is a series of slides where
23 with your input, we'll identify the benefits, and we'll list
24 those, and the concerns for each of these categories. And
25 if you'll just watch at the top, it'll change, first of all,

1 for vertical facility, and then horizontal facility, same
2 categories.

3 And then our Sheriff would like to know what your
4 thoughts are and where to go from here. Out of this
5 meeting, what do you see happening in terms of these
6 processes from here on out.

7 So let me go back here, if I might. I loathe going to
8 meetings. I loathe it. I am convinced that Americans must
9 be herd animals, otherwise, I can't account for about 90
10 percent of the meetings that happen in America. And I've
11 learned over the years that one of the things that gives
12 meetings a bad name is that there's not any clear direction
13 or focus for the things.

14 I also take a dim view, as I'm sure you all do, on
15 anyone who wastes the people's money, who misappropriates it
16 or downright wastes it. And so I want to make meetings --
17 well, the way that I go about that, and I am the president
18 of the Results Group, after all, I'd like to know from each
19 of you, we're just gonna go around the room really quickly
20 here, please introduce yourself. I'm assuming that
21 everybody doesn't know everybody. Introduce yourself, and
22 then tell me at 12:30 how you know this meeting was a
23 success.

24 Because we could be doing something else today, I want
25 to make sure it's a good use of your personal time, and a

1 good use of the people's money. And we just might begin
2 right there, and we'll go around the room. I'll put first
3 names down here, if you don't mind.

4 MR. DENNIS DRESSLER: My name is Dennis Dressler. I'm
5 with Council for Defense, the second public defender agency
6 in the county. At 12:30 if we've identified the obstacles
7 that are gonna get in the way of making the new facility
8 happen and have a basic plan for solving them, I think we'll
9 have a success.

10 UNDERSHERIFF JEFF TOWER: I'm Jeff Tower. I'm with
11 the Sheriff's Office. What I'd like to see, Steve, is
12 specific steps, a plan when we leave here to make this a
13 success. The specific steps that we could take as a result
14 of this meeting.

15 MR. STEVE KENT: Thank you, I'm sure.

16 COMMISSIONER BONNIE MAGER: My name is Bonnie Mager.
17 And I think this meeting will be a success if we have
18 collected information from all the different departments of
19 the criminal justice and have a better understanding in
20 which to make our decision later as we go through this
21 larger process.

22 MS. SANDY MANFRED: Good morning. I'm Sandy Manfred.
23 And I'm with the --

24 MR. STEVE KENT: Is that with an I or a Y?

25 MS. SANDY MANFRED: With a Y.

1 MR. STEVE KENT: Thank you.

2 MS. SANDY MANFRED: And I'm with District and
3 Municipal Courts Mental Health Court. And for me at 12:30
4 what would be a success would be that all of us in the room
5 are speaking the same language. And we are also looking at
6 not only just the, the facility, but also programs that
7 would be part of that. Thank you.

8 MR. JIM BLEDSOE: Hi. I'm Jim Bledsoe, former City
9 Prosecutor, currently the Assistant City Attorney with
10 Spokane. I'm representing the City. I guess what I'd like
11 to see at the end of the day is a clear understanding of
12 vertical versus horizontal.

13 MR. STEVE KENT: Say the last part.

14 MR. JIM BLEDSOE: Vertical versus horizontal jail
15 construction. Because in my mind, and I may be wrong, I may
16 be educated today, I don't believe we're talking a vertical
17 jail anywhere but downtown. And so if we come to the
18 conclusion that horizontal beats vertical any day of the
19 week, I think that is a major crossroads and gets us going
20 down the right path early and begins to eliminate
21 possibilities and distractions.

22 MR. JERRY WINKLER: I'm Jerry Winkler, the president
23 of --

24 MR. STEVE KENT: Is that with a Y or an I?

25 MR. JERRY WINKLER: J. With Integrus Architecture.

1 And I'm gonna repeat what Sandy said, as far as this is more
2 than just a bricks and mortars exercise. It's a whole
3 system at issue. So I would hope that everybody has that, a
4 good understanding that it is a whole system issue not just,
5 not just building a jail.

6 MR. STEVE KENT: Did I accurately capture you
7 statement with that, sir?

8 MR. JERRY WINKLER: Yep.

9 MR. GARY HARRETT (phonetic spelling): Gary Harrett.
10 Excuse me, G-A-R-Y.

11 MR. STEVE KENT: Thank you.

12 MR. GARY HARRETT: There we go. I would be happy to
13 see that we've taken a couple steps on something decisive
14 and would let us move on to the next plateau, if you would.

15 MR. STEVE KENT: Yes, sir.

16 MR. BILL GOTHMANN: My name, my name is Bill Gothmann.
17 I'm with the City of Spokane Valley. My mother called me
18 Billy, but I'll go by Bill here. I, I really would be
19 interested in learning what are the different problems or
20 parameters that we ought to as city officials be taking a
21 look at. And I hope out of this discussion to, to find
22 those kinds of things that we ought to be examining, because
23 I'm way back from where many of you are, I'm sure.

24 MR. STEVE KENT: Thank you, sir.

25 MR. JIM HUTTENMAIER: I'm Jim Huttenmaier, Resource

1 Consulting. And I'm more here as an observer than an active
2 participant. I do a lot of work in the area of public
3 affairs, industrial relations consulting. I think it would
4 be extremely beneficial at the end of the meeting if
5 everyone representing all of the organizations are on the
6 same page.

7 MR. STEVE KENT: Thank you.

8 MR. CARY DRISKELL: Cary Driskell, with a C, City of
9 Spokane Valley. I will consider today a success if there is
10 a clear understanding by everybody as to what the obstacles
11 are in terms of getting the new jail built both in
12 horizontal and vertical settings so we can then have a lot
13 clearer idea of how to solve the problems.

14 MR. TIM ATCHISON: Tim Atchison with the Sheriff's
15 Office. I'm the transition team leader. I work for
16 Lieutenant Sparber. My goal for this, I'm gonna kind of
17 echo under Sheriff Tower's, I'd like to come up with a
18 specific plan, make the project a success. I'd like to hear
19 the obstacles and everybody's concerns today.

20 MR. STEVE KENT: I'm gonna go onto another slide.

21 Please.

22 MR. DON COON: My name's Don Coon, Design Construction
23 Manager for Spokane County. And as you all realize, we're
24 going through our functional analysis phase of the essential
25 site process. So I believe the outcome or the information

1 gathered and presented here will be beneficial in this, in
2 helping analyze a vertical or a horizontal facility and the
3 sites that we are, the 10 different sites that we are
4 investigating.

5 MR. STEVE KENT: I assume it's J-O-H-N?

6 MR. DON COON: No, it's D-O-N.

7 MR. STEVE KENT: Oh, Don. That's why I don't gamble.

8 MR. DON COON: Yep.

9 MR. JOHN RODGERS: My name is John Rodgers. I'm a
10 public defender. I'd be grateful if at 12:30 if there was
11 some acknowledgement in common that building a jail or any
12 other criminal justice decision is ultimately not a fiscal
13 decision.

14 MR. STEVE KENT: Say the last part.

15 MR. JOHN RODGERS: What'd I say?

16 MR. STEVE KENT: You said -- well, what I've
17 written is not only a financial decision.

18 MR. JOHN RODGERS: Uh-huh. That's just fine. That's
19 just fine.

20 MR. PAUL (last name not given): My name is Paul. I'm
21 a member of the community at large. I represent no, no
22 agency. In a way I represent the public. I would hope that
23 in this session each of you would be able to agree on what
24 you might tell a member of the public about the, about the
25 status of this project. That would be a goal that I would

1 urge you to follow.

2 MR. STEVE KENT: Did I accurately capture that?

3 PAUL: You got it. I said tell the public about the
4 status of the project.

5 MR. STEVE KENT: Thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER TODD MIELKE: Okay. I'm Todd Mielke.
7 I'm one of the County Commissioners. It's Todd, T-O-D-D.

8 MR. STEVE KENT: Okay.

9 COMMISSIONER TODD MIELKE: Those Ds are just a basic
10 concern. MR. STEVE KENT: Abraham Lincoln said, you know,
11 God, God saw fit to have only one -- his wife's maiden name
12 was Todd. He said God saw fit to only have one, one D in
13 his name. The Todds have to have two.

14 COMMISSIONER TODD MIELKE: Some things we can blame
15 our parents on.

16 You know, what I look at is what is the overall
17 objective of this process. And that is there are three of
18 us in this room that have to decide whether to ultimately
19 put a proposal on the ballot for voters to consider. And,
20 and I see the objective of this process is to try to put
21 forth a proposal that has the best chance of success, you
22 know, with regard to the public vote on whether to move
23 forward or not.

24 And so, so I'm very concerned about the process. And,
25 you know, I know there's a lot of process people in this

1 room. But there's a political implication. We are in a
2 down economic time. And John, with all due respect, cost is
3 gonna be a huge issue in the minds of voters as we put
4 together a proposal. And so I think our process needs to
5 make sure that we reflect what has the best chance of public
6 approval when we get to the end.

7 MR. MARSHAL FARNELL: My name's Marshal Farnell. I'm
8 the CEO. I'm losing my voice, so -- I'd be interested in a
9 better understanding at the end of the day what the
10 operational cost will be, whether it be horizontal or
11 vertical.

12 MR. STEVE KENT: Thank you, sir.

13 JUDGE MARY LOGAN: Mary Logan, municipal court judge.
14 And I would consider it to be a success if there was a
15 recognition that there's an enormous difference between all
16 the entities who may ultimately be the end users and that
17 their participation in this needs to be reflected in, in the
18 creation of what ultimately is decided on here. So
19 sensitivity to the fact there's a number of different
20 entities involved, and our needs are significantly different
21 than each other.

22 MR. STEVE KENT: Did I get that one, Judge?

23 JUDGE MARY LOGAN: Yes, I would say so.

24 MR. STEVE KENT: Thank you.

25 JUDGE MARYANN MORENO: Hi. I'm Maryann Moreno,

1 presiding judge of the superior court. You know, I don't
2 really like meetings, either. And I can recall as we're
3 going around the room, we had the very same meeting about
4 two years ago, didn't we? We talked about the very same
5 things that we're gonna talk about today. I don't think it
6 was in a horizontal/vertical aspect. But it was the same
7 people sitting down and talking about what's important to
8 them. And so I guess I don't know what happened to that
9 information that we spent hours putting together.

10 So I guess I would think that this would be a success
11 if we could all once and for all indicate what each of us
12 believe is important to, to have. I would think that if
13 this was simply a dollars and cents decision, that we
14 wouldn't be called upon again to talk about what's important
15 to have in this, in this particular jail.

16 So I guess I would like to put some closure to, to
17 this topic that we've been discussing for two years now,
18 actually more. I've only been involved for two years now.
19 And I really believe that this was an important and good
20 result if everyone would just concede the fact that, yes, we
21 have to have a courtroom in a jail whether it's vertical,
22 horizontal, sideways or otherwise just once and for all.
23 That would be my idea of success.

24 MR. MARK LEWIS: My name's Mark Lewis. And I'm from
25 the juvenile court here. So I follow under your

1 miscellaneous category of who's, who's involved. My
2 objectives may transcend the focus of this particular
3 meeting. But twofold, one, I'd like to be, get a clear
4 picture of the financial impact of the new jail on both the
5 taxpayers of Spokane and the other county departments, as
6 far as how the budgets will be affected. And then secondly,
7 what's the, the game plan with respect to use of confinement
8 alternatives.

9 MR. STEVE KENT: Say the last part.

10 MR. MARK LEWIS: What's the plan with regard to
11 alternatives to incarceration.

12 MR. STEVE KENT: Thank you.

13 MR. MARK LEWIS: Thank you.

14 MS. MARIE STUDEBAKER: I'm Marie Studebaker. And I'm
15 also from the juvenile court. And basically, I'd like just
16 to hear factual --

17 MR. STEVE KENT: Marie?

18 MS. MARIE STUDEBAKER: Marie, yeah.

19 MR. STEVE KENT: Thank you.

20 MS. MARIE STUDEBAKER: Factual information instead of
21 hearing bits and pieces of what we think's going on and not
22 going on. I, too, was at the previous meeting, and I never
23 did understand where that information went. So I'm just
24 hoping I get just a clear understanding of what, what we're
25 looking at.

1 MR. STEVE KENT: When we're faced with a lack of
2 information, fill the vacuum with bad news. Thank you.
3 Thank you.

4 MR. BILL SAVITZ: My name is Bill Savitz. I'm a
5 citizen volunteer with the Board of County Commissioners and
6 also the Greater Spokane, Incorporated. And I would mirror
7 Commissioner Mielke's comments in terms of trying to view
8 that all options get proper vetting so that at the end of
9 the day everybody is satisfied that we have taken a look at
10 all the options and we have, as a result of that, put forth
11 the best opportunity for success for going forward with the
12 project, including the programs which I think are very
13 important to the financial impact of the project.

14 MS. ALICE WATTS: I'm Alice Watts. And I'm with the
15 Washington State Department of Corrections. I manage our
16 community justice center in Spokane. And I've been involved
17 with this project for awhile. I guess what I would like to
18 see is recognition that correctional research says you
19 cannot just lock people up and not provide any intervention
20 or any programs. And I would like any design to reflect
21 that there's not only different alternatives to
22 incarceration but the programs make sense and stop
23 recidivism.

24 COMMISSIONER MARK RICHARD: My name's Mark Richard.
25 I'm with Spokane County. First just to preface, I think

1 that to be clear, the reason the Board has assembled this
2 meeting is to really focus in, if you look at the front page
3 of your agenda, to focus in on the question of efficiency of
4 the design and construction of either a horizontal or a
5 vertical structure. And that makes it unique, I think, from
6 all of the discussions we've had in the past. And so I
7 think you'll find as you become familiar with the project
8 that a lot of the things that you've shared in terms of the
9 project proponents' vision mirror yours in terms of
10 alternatives to incarceration and those kinds of things, a
11 courtroom in the facility, et cetera.

12 However, today it would be my goal that we get
13 thoughtful, meaningful input from all of you on the, on the
14 benefits both to the system and to the public for the
15 construction, or I'd say with the construction of both the
16 vertical and horizontal construction design.

17 MR. ERIC MARKS: My name is Eric Marks. I'm a chief
18 deputy with the U.S. Marshals. I guess at the end of the
19 day I'd like to see that everybody understands the big
20 picture not only to build a, to not look at building a
21 facility for the short term but something that will be
22 feasible 20 to 50, 60 years from now and not dilute it with
23 minutia that it's going to be outdated and we'll be back
24 here again in 15 years.

25 MS. DONNA MCBRIDE: I'm Donna McBride with Municipal

1 Probation. And I don't really care whether it's horizontal
2 or vertical as long as it fits everybody's needs, as long as
3 it's security, safe for the corrections officers, so that it
4 has programing, and that it is long term. You can't build
5 something that in 20 years is obsolete.

6 MR. AARON ANDERTON: I'm Aaron Anderton with the
7 Sheriff's Office. And for this to be a success, what I'm
8 looking for is to understand what everybody's concerns are
9 as it relates to a new jail so we can determine whether or
10 not either facility, horizontal or vertical, works for
11 everybody and what those concerns are so we can make our
12 best decision.

13 MR. BOB ESTLUND: I'm Bob Estlund with Integrus
14 Architecture. I think for this to be successful it's
15 important for all of us to understand the operational
16 differences between a vertical jail and a horizontal jail.
17 Mainly because if we're gonna apply pros and cons, we really
18 need to understand how those differences function.

19 MR. BILL ROSE: Okay, I'm Bill Rose. I'm here because
20 Chief VanLeuven couldn't make it. He had another meeting to
21 attend. I'm here for the Spokane Valley Police. You know,
22 it's really easy to identify obstacles. If we come up with
23 potential solutions to those roadblocks, I would find this
24 very successful.

25 MR. STEVE KENT: Thank you.

1 MR. RICK CAMPBELL: Rick Campbell, Cheney Police
2 Department. And I would like to see what the impacts on the
3 small outside rural agencies are going to be from whatever
4 design is decided on.

5 MR. JIM KOLVA: Hi. I'm Jim Kolva. And I'm the
6 consultant to the County working on the siting process.
7 Things that are important that I'd like to see; one is a
8 clear criteria for providing quality information to decision
9 makers, so they have the best understanding making a
10 decision.

11 And also in looking at a vertical versus horizontal
12 facility, ultimately what we're talking about is the
13 locational factors in providing service and program
14 delivery. So we're looking at sites that are 12 to 24
15 minutes from the existing county campus. They're gonna be
16 separate. So how does that affect delivery of programs and
17 service. And I think that's important to me in, in my work
18 but also into decision areas, as well.

19 MR. STEVE KENT: Thank you, sir.

20 MR. GLENN WINKEY: I guess somebody has to go last. I
21 think there is going to be a huge difference between the
22 vertical and the horizontal facilities. And I hope to gain
23 an understanding of that when I leave here. But then to
24 incorporate and understand everyone's concerns and to
25 incorporate those concerns into those differences between

1 vertical and a horizontal, I think there's two different
2 things going on here between a horizontal and the vertical.
3 So as we've gone around the room and listened to the, the
4 various aspects of the community that are here express their
5 concerns, I've already gained a wider view of. I'm sure the
6 public defender is gonna have a different concern about a
7 jail than law enforcement. And we need to leave this room
8 as, as a team and take that message to the community.
9 Because we have a task before us to get this jail approved
10 that is huge.

11 MR. STEVE KENT: And your first name, sir?

12 MR. GLENN WINKEY: I'm sorry.

13 MR. STEVE KENT: So I can do away with being Captain
14 from the Spokane Police Department?

15 MR. GLENN WINKEY: Sorry about that.

16 MR. STEVE KENT: One N?

17 MR. GLENN WINKEY: Two Ns. Sorry about that.

18 MR. STEVE KENT: You can jump in, if you'd like, sir.

19 MR. STEVE HALLSTROM: Steve Hallstrom, City
20 prosecutor. And I have an excused absence for being late.
21 I don't have a position on vertical or horizontal. I just
22 came here to learn and participate as appropriate.
23 Prosecutors, of course, need more jail bays. But how you
24 build it is up to you.

25 MR. STEVE KENT: Thank you.

1 LIEUTENANT MIKE SPARBER: Mike Sparber. I'd like to
2 see -- well, actually, what I'd like is for everyone to
3 realize their input is important. That's why we're here.
4 And that we're gonna make a difference if everyone is
5 willing to say what they need to say and not worry about,
6 you know, one way, the political opinion. Just say it, and
7 let's get it done. Let's get it written down. And let's
8 attack it. And that's the only way that we're gonna reach
9 the bottom line on this.

10 SHERIFF OZZIE KNEZOVICH: I'll consider this a success
11 if we can walk away with a clear understanding within this
12 room that this is much more than bricks and mortars. This
13 is much more than building a jail. This is about building a
14 system.

15 We've spent two years and, quite frankly, very
16 successful years streamlining the criminal justice system.
17 A lot of people in this room have been involved in that.
18 This summer we started our community correction pilot
19 program. No additional money. We were able to reach out to
20 the community, and it's been a success. We won't know about
21 recidivism, because we don't have enough timeline on that to
22 determine that, if it has had a positive effect. We'll need
23 at least a year to, to two years to determine that. But I
24 think that we've seen successes. And that should be a given
25 for everybody in this room. We've all heard it multiple

1 times.

2 So building facility has to be cost efficient. It has
3 to be at the lowest cost. And it has to be with the end
4 result of not just warehousing people but fixing the
5 problems on the front end of it rather the back end of it.

6 And you have to have a financial component. Because
7 quite frankly, that's what's going to influence this entire
8 process when we have to take it in front of the, the voter.
9 And I think that that's one of the things that we need to
10 remember is the ultimate goal here is to make sure the
11 public understands, that they understand the needs, and that
12 they're going to vote for this. And cost is, is the number
13 one thing on their mind.

14 MR. STEVE KENT: Thank you, folks, with your patience
15 with that. I ask that you all, now that you've gotten
16 comfortable, if you will reconfigure yourselves at these
17 tables to the extent that you can so that each table - and
18 if you want to move tables to get this accomplished, that's
19 fine - but at each table, each workgroup I'd like to see
20 representatives from each of these functional areas. Why
21 don't we do this, if you move yourself around, we'll regroup
22 at, at quarter of by that clock, when the big hand's on the
23 9 the first time. So if we regroup, that would be helpful.

24 (The participants regrouped into three groups)

25 MR. STEVE KENT: I asked, I asked you all to consider

1 working through each of these items. Keep in mind what the
2 slide looked like. I'm looking for what are the benefits to
3 each of those facilities and what are the concerns. Use
4 these categories. Work through them. Please appoint a
5 recorder at your table. Because after you all have done
6 this, we'll talk about them and get them up on the slides.

7 And please, please stay on point on these issues. And
8 I know -- we have four daughters. I've learned more from
9 those folks than from college and all those years in the
10 military and corporate world. Here's how the conversation
11 used to go at our house: Jennifer, clean your room. Well,
12 Kendra doesn't have to clean her room. Oh, yeah, she does.
13 No, you guys let her get away with more than you let me get
14 away with. No, you guys are treated both the same. You
15 guys love her more than you love me. You realize, you're
16 not talking about cleaning the room anymore.

17 Well, please stay on point with this. And if I say,
18 Jennifer, clean your room, it will probably mean I see you
19 wandering away from the issues. Please, I want to make sure
20 each person has input into their thoughts or questions, even
21 if they're simply hard questions, and that's all as far as
22 we get, what about transportation, court proceedings,
23 et cetera.

24 Any questions about what I'm asking you all to do?

25 JUDGE MARYANN MORENO: I have a question.

1 MR. STEVE KENT: Judge.

2 JUDGE MARYANN MORENO: When we're using the
3 terminology horizontal and vertical, do people realize what
4 that means in terms of it doesn't just necessarily mean the,
5 the shape of the building? I'm not sure that everyone
6 understands that.

7 MR. STEVE KENT: Lieutenant, can you address that real
8 quick, please?

9 LIEUTENANT MIKE SPARBER: Can I?

10 MR. STEVE KENT: Please. Please.

11 LIEUTENANT MIKE SPARBER: Yeah, yeah. I think the
12 best way to address this is just to show you on the board
13 here. Can everybody see this? Probably not.

14 But we're talking about a vertical facility. We're
15 talking about a facility downtown located north of the
16 existing jail was the site that we picked, or at some
17 other -- I suppose, you could build a vertical facility
18 anywhere else that you wanted to.

19 But typically that's what we talked about. And that's
20 with everything being all inclusive down on the campus,
21 including community corrections, which would be located in
22 the parking lot, a great big parking lot which is west of
23 the jail. And then there would be some type of parking
24 structure that would be where Jim Emacio's office is, in
25 that area right there for a parking structure. So we're

1 talking about kind of a one, one facility that has
2 everything down here, including the new booking area and all
3 of those factors.

4 If we're talking about a horizontal facility, which
5 is, more than likely lends itself to be a site other than
6 the county campus, because it's, with this thing you need
7 the ability to spread out and to, you know, kind of move
8 into a phase fashion, those types of things.

9 What would stay downtown would be the, the booking
10 area and all the adjudication process. We would use the
11 facility downtown to get them to the adjudication process,
12 to the courts. Once they've reached that point, then we
13 would be taking them out to the housing unit. The one case
14 would be, as far as it goes, would be the community
15 correction center would also be culminated wherever the
16 facility is located at.

17 Yes?

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Capacity, any difference?

19 LIEUTENANT MIKE SPARBER: Same capacity.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Which is?

21 LIEUTENANT MIKE SPARBER: 1,200. Well, the master
22 plan calls for the existing jail to use 462 beds, which is
23 what it was designed for originally. 256 are, would be,
24 would be for the community corrections center. And then the
25 residual amount, which is 1,700, or I'm sorry, 900, 1,000 or

1 so beds would be left over would be new construction for
2 housing new inmates.

3 COMMISSIONER MARK RICHARD: If I could, the lateral
4 design, horizontal design is more of a one or two-story kind
5 of construction. And the reason why we're back to
6 addressing this issue, if I'm not mistaken, is because when
7 we, when we selected the downtown site, because of its
8 physical constraints, we ended up with a tower, a vertical
9 design that was at a certain price.

10 We went back, and we looked at an alternative to a,
11 more of a lateral design where you could do one or two
12 stories. You could actually tip them up as you go. And we
13 found -- and preliminarily there's 30 to 50 million dollars
14 worth of savings in that design concept versus a tower and
15 then a second tower.

16 And to me the purpose for having this discussion is,
17 is are there, essentially, what are the pros and cons of
18 looking at a lateral versus vertical to make sure we aren't
19 just looking at money, to make sure we aren't missing some
20 functional or system issue.

21 If we're just driven by money, it appears that a
22 lateral design on more acreage is what makes sense. But do
23 we lose in terms of efficiency, in terms of systems, in
24 terms of interaction and flow, if you will, of the clientele
25 and the people that work with those clientele so that the

1 Board can make sure we're not missing that part from you
2 all, the stakeholders, as we're making this critical
3 decision.

4 Do we stay with the vertical design downtown, or is it
5 worth it. And are there few enough negatives to go to a
6 horizontal or a lateral design that the money makes up for
7 it. And that's, that's, I think, kind of what I meant.

8 MR. STEVE KENT: Either one of the Commissioners?

9 COMMISSIONER BONNIE MAGER: I'm Bonnie Mager. And
10 also I think the money is still part of it in terms of
11 looking at the two different designs, as well. Because we
12 have transport costs and a number of other things that we
13 need to identify and try as best we can to put a number to
14 when we, so we can honestly compare origins to origins.

15 MR. STEVE KENT: Commissioner Mielke?

16 COMMISSIONER TODD MIELKE: I just want to make sure
17 that, that we're clear. I do understand there will be
18 differences with regard to transportation costs, proximity
19 of different agencies. But my understanding is that with
20 regard to a horizontal versus vertical configuration, the
21 assumption of what programs would be housed, the assumption
22 is they are the same.

23 LIEUTENANT MIKE SPARBER: Right. What we're looking
24 at is, one, the question of transportation. Want everybody
25 looking at that, whether it's all located downtown, or if

1 it's got, you know, if the housing is located at a different
2 location, and the adjudication process takes place downtown
3 and really find out what, what the concerns are and if
4 they're mitigateable. I mean, this is something that we can
5 do to correct something that hasn't already been addressed
6 and what we're looking at. And those are the things that
7 we're looking at right now.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And you're looking at
9 duplication of things like kitchen, laundry, and --

10 LIEUTENANT MIKE SPARBER: Yeah, the rest of the stuff.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- things like that. How do
12 you address those issues and things like that.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The big difficulty --

14 LIEUTENANT MIKE SPARBER: Sir, could you say your
15 name, please.

16 MR. BILL GOTHMANN: Oh, Bill Gothmann. The big
17 difficulty I'm having with this is I do not understand your
18 system well enough. So let's -- how does a person in
19 Spokane Valley, how does this whole system operate relative
20 to a person in Spokane Valley, the court that is held in
21 Spokane Valley, the adjudication that you're talking about
22 downtown, and the incarceration that you may be talking
23 about elsewhere. I don't know how those play together,
24 because I'm not that familiar with your system.

25 LIEUTENANT MIKE SPARBER: Okay. So as you bring those

1 concerns up, there's someone at your table that's involved
2 in the process.

3 MR. BILL GOTHMANN: Okay, sounds good.

4 LIEUTENANT MIKE SPARBER: And we'll address each one
5 of those as they come up.

6 COMMISSIONER TODD MIELKE: Just following your, your
7 comments for get everything out on the table up front so we
8 know what your concerns are.

9 LIEUTENANT MIKE SPARBER: Yeah.

10 COMMISSIONER TODD MIELKE: And that is, you know, I
11 think one of the concerns I have as one of the county
12 commissioners is as we look at horizontal versus vertical
13 configurations, I mean, the information that I have, the
14 understanding that I have is the difference in construction
15 costs in the first phase, which is supposed to get us
16 through the first 20 years, 53 million dollars in
17 construction costs. However, 53 million, the horizontal
18 configuration is 53 million less in that first round versus
19 the vertical. However, the horizontal is about 1 point some
20 odd million more per year to operate. So simple math says
21 those, those budget lines crisscross somewhere out about 40
22 some odd years. And we assume after 20, then we're in phase
23 2, which there's another cost difference.

24 So I look at this from the perspective of, of I've got
25 to put something on the ballot that voters believe is the

1 most cost efficient or cost effective and efficient proposal
2 that's available. And the struggle that I'm having is, is
3 if it's just on vertical versus horizontal, and the choice
4 is vertical, then I've got to explain to them why the
5 proposal on the ballot right from the day one is 53 million
6 more than another option. And that's the part I'm
7 struggling with.

8 LIEUTENANT MIKE SPARBER: I understand. Really what
9 we were anticipating for today was not to look at the cost
10 specifically but to look at the -- I know cost is huge. It
11 ranks right there at the very top of it. But what we're
12 going to do is give the stakeholders an opportunity to see
13 what the impacts are gonna be so we can write what those
14 impacts would be.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The problem is, we are already
16 looking at the costs.

17 LIEUTENANT MIKE SPARBER: I know. I --

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: If you're going to look at one
19 aspect of the cost, you have to look at all the aspects of
20 the cost.

21 LIEUTENANT MIKE SPARBER: Correct.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That's, that's a given. If you
23 want to break down the cost of all the things that are
24 listed up there, you'd better have the cost benefit. You
25 can't do a cost benefit without the entire cost.

1 LIEUTENANT MIKE SPARBER: Correct. It's all -- and I
2 understand that cost is gonna enter into it. But we really
3 want to see what the impacts were to the stakeholders, which
4 was what I was sent away to do. What, what is the impact of
5 having the downtown facility, the vertical facility and the
6 impact it has on all of us in this room, the end users that
7 we all come together.

8 And then what is the impact of having, you know, a
9 bifurcated one, one that has the booking area and
10 adjudication here and the housing separate. And how does
11 that affect them as they're doing it, as it pertains to just
12 the horizontal and vertical question.

13 And then I know the cost, we'll have to deal with the
14 cost probably at a separate meeting. I don't think we're
15 gonna get it all covered today. But we need to get to, at
16 least get it identified, get it out on the table, written
17 down. And maybe another time we'll have to get back
18 together and specifically deal with the costs, where we can
19 talk about the construction dollars, the cost of the
20 operating cost, all the things that go along and associated
21 with it.

22 Okay. Now are we clear on what a vertical jail looks
23 like and what a horizontal jail is gonna look like as far as
24 the system in totality?

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Quick question. The one

1 question I have is in the horizontal model, we still have
2 the existing vertical tower. Would the higher security
3 inmates continue to be held in the vertical tower, so it
4 would be more of a medium security facility in the
5 horizontal model?

6 LIEUTENANT MIKE SPARBER: Well, the -- ideally what
7 we're doing, the population that you want to target in the
8 programs are gonna be the medium to high risk inmates.
9 Those are the ones that we want to target and get into the
10 program. That's our future. Those are the ones that are
11 out there recidivating. Those are the ones that we need to
12 target. And I think that the State would probably chime
13 right in there with me on that and understand.

14 So when you say that, if we're gonna really use an
15 assessment tool, risk assessment tool, understand our
16 population as it pertains, and say, of course, there's gonna
17 be some people that aren't gonna be suitable to be out
18 there. But our main focus is at some point, those people
19 are gonna get out of jail. And what we want to do is
20 control when they do get out of jail.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Which is true. But I don't
22 know if that's completely what you're asking me to do now.
23 The most dangerous people that we see in our jail don't end
24 up staying in county, they end up going to prison. And so
25 we'd be holding them prior to them being found guilty, and

1 they'd be going to prison. And what we're talking about,
2 these costs are, is not building a lot of hard cells in a,
3 in a new facility. So the more dangerous inmates would stay
4 in the single cells downtown.

5 LIEUTENANT MIKE SPARBER: Yes, that's true. The
6 percentage of the amount of beds that you build, half may be
7 a hard cell. Because you have those people that you can't
8 put into the programs and so forth. But to say that we, we
9 can classify them as a higher risk person, really, the
10 higher risk people are the ones that you need to target with
11 recidivism. So there's kind of a misnomer there. I mean,
12 seriously, there's some people you can't ever put out there.
13 And there's some that don't belong there. But --

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Well, the reason I asked the
15 question is because I would guess that would affect the cost
16 of the horizontal campus, if it was --

17 LIEUTENANT MIKE SPARBER: If it was all straight hard
18 beds, yeah, I agree.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The only problem is that we
20 have enough hard cells relative to a total number of beds,
21 even once we're in the building, already existing in our, in
22 our jail. And so rather than building more of those at a
23 cost of about \$80,000 per cell, we'll keep those and use
24 those, since we already have them, and then build a less
25 expensive more efficient jail.

1 LIEUTENANT MIKE SPARBER: If I can say, there's
2 someone at your table that if you bring up your questions
3 about the project, they'll be able to nail those down for
4 you.

5 MR. STEVE KENT: Thank you, Officer. Your Honor, does
6 that solve the problem for you with respect to horizontal
7 and vertical?

8 JUDGE MARYANN MORENO: I kind of understood it
9 already. I just didn't think everybody else did.

10 MR. STEVE KENT: My question was, you're satisfied;
11 right?

12 JUDGE MARYANN MORENO: Absolutely.

13 MR. STEVE KENT: All right. Jennifer, clean your
14 room, please.

15 There are the topics, good, bad, indifferent. The
16 harder the questions the better.

17 (The groups were given time to meet and discuss the
18 topics. Back on the record at 11:40 a.m.)

19 MR. STEVE KENT: As you all report back, I will do my
20 best to describe these on the slides. Who would like to be
21 first? Who would like to be second?

22 LIEUTENANT MIKE SPARBER: There are concerns --

23 MR. STEVE KENT: Concerns, yes, sir.

24 LIEUTENANT MIKE SPARBER: -- from the City in terms if
25 the booking area would be centrally located down there.

1 There is substantial concern as far as the transporting the
2 inmate in a car, you know, whether you move them 2 feet or a
3 hundred feet, you're still putting them outside of that
4 facility and moving them to a car.

5 One of the disadvantages that was discussed was the
6 cost of transportation is kind of a hit and miss thing
7 because of Union contracts and the cost of the individual
8 that's actually doing the transporting. And then, of
9 course, you have the cost associated with that. And then
10 the proximity for the transportation for the inmates to get
11 back and forth to the community, which would have to be an
12 additional bus route would have to be located somewhere
13 around there.

14 One thing that the Undersheriff had brought up was
15 that taking advantage of this, this opportunity to give us a
16 time to restructure the way we're doing some of the shuttle
17 systems and see that we couldn't mitigate a lot of the
18 duplication of transportation that we're doing right now
19 along with looking at some of the court proceedings and
20 seeing if we couldn't mitigate some of that.

21 And then the latter part that was brought up on this
22 portion was from City, Mr. Bledsoe, and that's that he would
23 like to see there be some kind of detailed plan as, as it
24 goes towards the proximity of services as the individual
25 needs them. Like if a person has mental health things that

1 are located downtown, something in the programming that
2 should be part of our strategy to have them located next to
3 services where it makes sense for them to get those types of
4 services.

5 MR. STEVE KENT: One stop shopping?

6 LIEUTENANT MIKE SPARBER: Exactly. And that's
7 something that we can do. That's something that we can set
8 up programs downtown for those type of individuals, if we
9 had to, depending on what it is. And then let them get to
10 the process of some of the treatment and then move them, if
11 we have to, however that works out.

12 We actually did not get to all of ours. We tried to
13 really hard. But the next one that we have is the court
14 proceedings.

15 MR. STEVE KENT: Let's do this, I'm seeing we may have
16 some issue regarding this thing right here. And let's talk
17 about transportation in general. I'll clear that up later.
18 The next table on this topic, please.

19 SHERIFF OZZIE KNEZOVICH: Transportation is one of
20 those things that I've watched kind of drive this process,
21 if you will. I don't, I slightly disagree with what Mike
22 just said about the transportation cost. If you want to
23 have -- if I transport an inmate across the hall, that's a
24 deputy that has to go across the hall with an inmate. So
25 that, that is a structural cost, if you want to have, either

1 if it's in a car or going across the hall. The true cost
2 that we need to look at is the, what it cost to do that
3 transportation.

4 We have five routes currently that we do each and
5 every day. One to court at 8:00 o'clock, 9:30, a PD run,
6 11:30 is court run, at 1300 is a PD run, and at 1500 a court
7 run. When you take that into consideration, it's roughly 14
8 miles per round trip. And you times that all out, you're at
9 roughly 16,800 miles a year. And you divide that out, 13
10 miles to a gallon is what our vans usually get. And times
11 that by 3.26 a gallon, it's \$4,212 a year to transport.

12 MR. STEVE KENT: Say again the, the total cost.

13 SHERIFF OZZIE KNEZOVICH: \$4,212 a year with those,
14 with the gas cost and things like. Then you have your, your
15 vehicle cost, your depreciation on your vehicle. I don't
16 have that in my materials. But let's say it's a \$25,000 van
17 depreciated out at \$5,000 a year, five, six-year lifespan.
18 So that's what you're looking at as far as the van.

19 So the transportation of the van, okay, you're moving
20 them out of the facility, that's one of the, that's one of
21 the negatives.

22 Video, video court, and I agree with Judge Moreno,
23 wherever we build this new jail has to have a courtroom.
24 Video court, video visitation is going to vastly reduce the
25 need for transport. And we need to really take a look at

1 transportation. That's one of the mitigating factors for
2 transportation. And we need to really take a look at
3 expanding that.

4 There's an article, if there's anybody interested in
5 reading, from the Sheriff's Journal concerning video court.
6 And it's written from a private defenders office. And they
7 highly recommend it. And it saved the Sheriff of this
8 jurisdiction a lot of money. So if you're interested, I
9 have that article here.

10 So those are, are some of the aspects we talked about
11 as far as transportation.

12 MR. STEVE KENT: Good. Thank you, Sheriff.

13 Yes.

14 COMMISSIONER MARK RICHARD: We also talked about some
15 of the need for cultural shift. Because right now if we
16 were to go to an offsite, kind of a dual site scenario, it
17 is going to be, I think, a culture shift for us to consider
18 that the system will need to move to the population as
19 opposed to the population being moved to the system. And,
20 and part of that would be the courtroom. Part of that would
21 be acceptance of the use of video conference, but also would
22 be the acceptance of the prosecutors, the public defenders
23 to actually go on campus to visit their clientele. And
24 that's a real, it's something that people don't want to talk
25 about, but it's a real issue that needs to be talked about.

1 I think this group needs to get together on how we're
2 heading and determine if that's the most cost effective way.
3 We need to band together and tell the community that these
4 are the reasons why we're going this way, and we stand
5 together on that. And that was one of the things that we
6 talked about.

7 And I would say we also chatted about very important
8 that the community corrections component, programatic
9 component have access to public transportation and
10 potentially remain downtown as a preference because of its
11 interconnectivity to services. And that was another
12 transportation discussion we had.

13 MR. STEVE KENT: Thank you, sir. Next table, please.

14 MR. BILL GOTHMANN: We had a few things on
15 transportation. One thing that was very helpful to me is
16 the, the table explained the process relative to Spokane
17 Valley citizens. Is there a difference for Spokane Valley
18 citizens. The conclusion was there's absolutely no
19 difference between Spokane, Spokane Valley citizens and that
20 sort of thing relative to transportation. You know, they
21 all do the same. So that kind of, for me that satisfied,
22 you know, needs for our citizens.

23 MR. STEVE KENT: Let me make sure I get that down
24 correctly.

25 MR. BILL GOTHMANN: Transport issues, transport issues

1 relative to Spokane Valley versus Spokane are the same. And
2 that's because all of the parts now will exist then in the
3 same locations.

4 MR. STEVE KENT: Okay.

5 MR. BILL GOTHMANN: And that's -- and the booking also
6 would be done downtown.

7 MR. STEVE KENT: Yes, sir. Thank you.

8 MR. BILL GOTHMANN: You bet.

9 MR. STEVE KENT: Other things on that topic? I'm not
10 sure if you --

11 MR. BILL GOTHMANN: They indicated that arraignment
12 could be by mail, pretrial by video, and trial, of course,
13 in person. But I have to say the public defender had some
14 concerns about the fact that from a justice point of view,
15 he wants to see his clients. He does not want to -- you
16 know, he is concerned about video as, as it concerns
17 justice. And that has to do with transportation. Because
18 that means if you do it video, he doesn't have to go out and
19 see them personally. But if you don't do it by video, he's
20 gonna have to be transported. And that's gonna have to be,
21 I think, a policy issue that, you know, the county's gonna
22 have to decide.

23 MR. STEVE KENT: I'm, I'm being dense. I got as far
24 as the concerns of video, use of video as opposed to what?

25 MR. BILL GOTHMANN: That should be -- okay, you've got

1 this point. Now I was talking about public defender issues.

2 MR. STEVE KENT: Public defenders.

3 MR. BILL GOTHMANN: Should they be policy decisions.

4 Should public defenders be transported to see their client

5 in person, or should they be left by video. And it was

6 felt, I think, by the public defender at this table that

7 this is a question of cost versus justice. And I think

8 that's a policy issue the county's gonna have to figure out.

9 Did I say that --

10 MR. STEVE KENT: Thank you.

11 MR. BILL GOTHMANN: -- correctly?

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Your check's in the mail.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I think there's a similar issue

14 as far as a, as far as law enforcement is concerned being

15 able to do interviews face to face versus by, versus by

16 video. Similar issue.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Well, actually, I think what

18 was said was, the public defender's concern was the police

19 would not want to interview a suspect by video. And the

20 public defender felt in the interest of justice, neither

21 would he. He would much rather deal with the person

22 directly. Which for him causes some grief as far as if this

23 person is offsite. So that was the concern.

24 MR. STEVE KENT: Thank you.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: He felt that they should have

1 the same access to their client as the police. Did I say
2 that right?

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I appreciate that.

4 MR. BILL GOTHMANN: We also discussed public
5 transportation. And I think everybody felt that public
6 transportation has to be available at the facility so the
7 clients can have access to programs.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Whether those programs are
9 downtown or elsewhere.

10 MR. BILL GOTHMANN: That's about all I have for
11 transportation.

12 MR. STEVE KENT: Okay, we've got everybody's input on
13 that one. Okay.

14 LIEUTENANT MIKE SPARBER: I have something real quick
15 that you reminded me of. That the non-adjudicated folks are
16 gonna remain downtown at that site there. So you'd still
17 have the same opportunity to see your client at the downtown
18 site. It's after the adjudication process that we're gonna
19 move them off that site.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Perhaps you can define that for
21 us, because there was some confusion here amongst everybody.
22 What does that mean, adjudicated? There's so many --

23 LIEUTENANT MIKE SPARBER: Well, it means, it means
24 that we're always gonna have some that are gonna trickle
25 back and forth from the facility back downtown, absolutely.

1 I don't think there's any way you can rule out all of that.
2 There will be some. But our, our priority is to get them
3 through the process, get them adjudicated, and figure out
4 what their justification is gonna be, to the early case
5 resolution, and take them down the line as far as our
6 criminal process, and then move them out to the site for
7 housing.

8 COMMISSIONER BONNIE MAGER: I have one other thing I
9 want to bring up. In terms of transportation, that there
10 are duplicative costs in transporting more than just
11 prisoners. There's duplicative costs of transporting food
12 and various other services to an outlying area.

13 MR. STEVE KENT: Let me get that in summary.

14 COMMISSIONER BONNIE MAGER: Yeah. You might put that,
15 you know, food, et cetera.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Medical care.

17 COMMISSIONER BONNIE MAGER: Yeah, medical care.

18 MR. STEVE KENT: Okay. Thank you, folks. We've got
19 court proceedings.

20 LIEUTENANT MIKE SPARBER: Yeah, I've got two things
21 that we had talked about that. First, council for defense
22 also mirrored that they, they drive to the site. They are
23 doing that right now, they're driving out to Geiger to see
24 their client versus bringing them downtown to see their
25 client. And as far as having the jail being in the same

1 location or co-located in the downtown site, that there
2 really wouldn't be a problem or an issue along with doing
3 adjudication process. It would be all through, to have an
4 adjudication process be done downtown, solely downtown, that
5 also wouldn't be an issue.

6 So it's mainly when you have to drive out to a site to
7 see, if I'm saying this right, to visit with a client, you'd
8 want to do that face to face. And don't feel that a video
9 would suffice in that, if I'm saying that right.

10 MR. DENNIS DRESSLER: For the most fundamental things,
11 I could do it video. But there's a lot that needs to be
12 done sitting next to your client talking to them. If
13 nothing else, the trust building and building a rapport.
14 When I'm representing him in court, he has to trust me to do
15 that. And if I'm just a face over a videocamera, it ain't
16 gonna happen.

17 LIEUTENANT MIKE SPARBER: Judge Logan, did you have
18 something that you wanted to add to that? Because I know --

19 JUDGE MARY LOGAN: I didn't other than that I, I
20 mentioned that the court proceedings, we certainly would
21 support having a court in the jail. There is a little
22 concern that it's only used for a short period of time, and
23 then it fades away. But we would hope to not have that
24 taped, but --

25 The other issue mentioned, too, was the mental health

1 individuals. I think that's Sandy's point on that, is those
2 individuals, they are a percentage of the population here
3 that, again, face to face, trust and assurance that it's not
4 gonna be as, as scary as they thought. That doesn't take
5 place through the distance of video. So those are concerns
6 that have to be addressed.

7 MR. DENNIS DRESSLER: Sensitivity to the population.

8 MR. STEVE KENT: Say it again.

9 MR. DENNIS DRESSLER: Sensitivity to the population.

10 SHERIFF OZZIE KNEZOVICH: Could I get a little better
11 clarification on that point?

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Well, if, if someone has a
13 mental illness, yes, it's very important to be able to
14 actually be with them not only as a public defender but to,
15 really, just to assess what's going on with them, where
16 they're at, as well as try to build trust to, to determine
17 if a sanity commission needs to be filed or not. I just
18 think that face to face is very important for that
19 population.

20 MR. STEVE KENT: Another table, please, on this issue.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I can do that. A lot of it
22 we've already talked about with the, the video court and so
23 on and so forth.

24 MR. STEVE KENT: Sure.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The thing we recognize, that

1 while there will always be a certain element or number of
2 people that need to be transported for courts, we definitely
3 want to move towards doing as much of it on video as
4 possible, because we can see the savings. And certainly
5 there are a lot of procedures that don't involve that, that
6 kind of one-on-one treatment.

7 And we want to eliminate -- you know, this ties back
8 into transportation, we want to eliminate as much as we can.
9 And we recognize that with most court proceedings, we can do
10 that through video. And if we have -- we did talk --

11 MR. STEVE KENT: Judge, thank you.

12 JUDGE MARY LOGAN: Thank you, very much. Sorry, I
13 thought we would be done.

14 (Judge Logan leaves the meeting at 12:00 noon)

15 MR. STEVE KENT: Yes, ma'am.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We talked about having a
17 courtroom on, maybe on the exterior wall of the new facility
18 so that the public would still have access like they do with
19 courtrooms now. And then we don't have to have it within
20 the secure area of the jail, so that we can bring the
21 inmates through the back end or, or another entrance. So
22 that we still operate just like the courtrooms that we do
23 now. But at least there is no transport from one facility
24 to another.

25 MR. STEVE KENT: Okay.

1 SHERIFF OZZIE KNEZOVICH: The other aspect as far as
2 court proceedings is we are going to have a courtroom in the
3 facility.

4 MR. STEVE KENT: Do I hear amen from the judge back
5 there?

6 JUDGE MARYANN MORENO: I paid him enough to say that.

7 SHERIFF OZZIE KNEZOVICH: We've seen it. We've seen
8 it work across the nation. So I'm not sure where there
9 would be any blips. And I can't, I can't imagine if we take
10 the, and spend the money to build a courtroom and suddenly
11 not use it somewhere in the future. I don't think that's a,
12 a very good thought process. If we're going to take the
13 time to build it, and we're going to take the time to have
14 the process there, there would be no logic to, to close that
15 courtroom down. You would do everything you can to expand
16 that.

17 Part of the scenario with the, with the public
18 defenders as far as our, this transportation issue is, is
19 there anything that says the public defender or a group of
20 public defenders couldn't be located in that, at the new
21 jail. That's, that's a concern.

22 COMMISSIONER MARK RICHARD: Sheriff, two quick points.
23 The one thing we did talk about from a legal standpoint,
24 making sure that even if we're moving towards video
25 conferencing, video communications with those detainees,

1 that we always provide the ability for face-to-face for
2 those that want it. And making sure that that, you know,
3 meets, you know, both ethical and legal.

4 The other thing, though, I wanted to point out is in
5 our travels, if you recall, we traveled to Manatee County in
6 Florida where we saw such a move, where a courtroom had been
7 constructed, and it had been mothballed. And it had,
8 essentially, turned into a pretty elaborate, expensive
9 hallway between two sides of the jail. And, and so while it
10 doesn't logically make sense, there are all kinds of other
11 reasons why that can happen.

12 And I think that this, this community, this group,
13 hopefully, we can come together to the public in concert
14 saying, you know, we don't have a choice. This is the wave
15 of the future. This is what we need. And, and really make
16 that statement so that we really can find ourselves and
17 future elected officials, quite frankly, to put this in
18 movement. Because it can happen.

19 We've seen it physically where, for whatever reason,
20 we really didn't get into the detail of the reason, they had
21 retreated from the use of that courtroom into really a
22 bigger courtroom and a hallway. So just caution the group
23 that we need to, we need to commit to that. And we have
24 very, we're blessed to have judges today that, all around us
25 in this room, that believe that that's the way that we need

1 to move. We need to lock it in, in my opinion, and make
2 sure that future elective officials are inclined to agree
3 with that.

4 SHERIFF OZZIE KNEZOVICH: I don't know how you assure
5 that.

6 COMMISSIONER MARK RICHARD: Well, I think it gets to a
7 political and public expression, and, and the support of the
8 judges, and the reasoning is laid out, and --

9 MR. STEVE KENT: You know what I did at (Inaudible
10 word to the court reporter)?

11 COMMISSIONER MARK RICHARD: No.

12 MR. STEVE KENT: Named the room after someone.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The Judge Moreno, the Judge
14 Moreno Memorial.

15 JUDGE MARYANN MORENO: And we can also change the name
16 of the room, right, depending on who gets that location.

17 SHERIFF OZZIE KNEZOVICH: Going back to what
18 Commissioner Richard mentioned, that courtroom in Manatee.
19 They did a 180 on almost every policy and principle that
20 they started in with. And the courtroom in question was
21 very poorly designed, is one of the reasons they stopped
22 using it. It was too small, was the second reason they
23 stopped. And they, they continue to use it for video only.

24 LIEUTENANT MIKE SPARBER: They designed the jail at
25 the direct supervision of the jail. And then they backed

1 off the philosophy, and all those spaces weren't utilized
2 anymore, because that didn't fit functionality, so --

3 MR. STEVE KENT: Sheriff, any other statement?

4 SHERIFF OZZIE KNEZOVICH: Huh-uh.

5 MR. STEVE KENT: This table here.

6 MR. BILL GOTHMANN: We had a couple of courts. First
7 of all, it was said it would be much more efficient relative
8 to the courts if the facility is located downtown.

9 The other point that was brought up is that many
10 people must see multiple courts. Many clients must see,
11 must go to multiple courts. And therefore -- I'm not sure
12 what effect that has on the facility, but I would assume it
13 would have some kind of effect on the facility. You know, a
14 person may have several charges that have to be considered
15 by different courts. You folks are more familiar with that
16 than I am.

17 Let's see. Looking at pretrial, it's felt there would
18 be little difference, because it's done downtown now, as far
19 as the courts.

20 It was also noted that overall the crime rate has
21 stayed the same. There are differences in types of crimes
22 in Washington, but overall the crime rate's about the same.

23 That's about all I have on my list.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Pretrial services is, it's,
25 it's all tied in.

1 MR. STEVE KENT: Please finish that, sir.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Well, I had a note that we
3 talked about pretrial services and the issue of that being
4 face to face versus by video.

5 MR. STEVE KENT: Pardon me, sir. Thank you, folks.

6 JUDGE MARYANN MORENO: Thank you.

7 MR. STEVE KENT: Before you leave, one of the things,
8 where do we go from here, Judge, we talked about this. I'm
9 gonna help you folks put together a message board so that
10 you all will be able to go on the internet and make any
11 additions to these things and keep you informed of where we
12 are. And we'll work that out later. But I don't want this
13 just to go into the void here. So your guidance was not
14 lost on me, Your Honor.

15 JUDGE MARYANN MORENO: I appreciate that.

16 MR. STEVE KENT: Sir, I interrupted you. My
17 apologies.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Pretrial services.

19 MR. STEVE KENT: Pretrial services. I'm sorry, I
20 forgot.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: He was indicating pretrial
22 services face to face. That's as far as we got.

23 MR. STEVE KENT: Okay, pretrial services.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah. As far as can you do
25 that all by video and remote, or is that something that has

1 to be face to face, interfacing?

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'll say this on that issue.
3 Regardless, our plan was our pretrial classification housing
4 was going to be downtown either way with booking. And
5 that's where that takes place. So I don't know that will
6 make a difference.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Never mind.

8 LIEUTENANT MIKE SPARBER: That's what I want to keep
9 in mind, that's gonna happen downtown, so --

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Right.

11 MR. STEVE KENT: In the interest of time, ladies and
12 gentlemen, I propose this. We have these topics. We
13 started fleshing these out. Is there one of these right now
14 that is more important to get on the table to get your input
15 in group here than any other that you'd like to go through?

16 LIEUTENANT MIKE SPARBER: I'd like to see what the
17 feedback was as to location, if there's some discussion with
18 that.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I would mention one thing that
20 Commissioner Mielke talked about was does the location offer
21 opportunities for collaboration with other agencies. As
22 compared -- as an example, out on the West Plains being
23 close to Airway Heights and the correction center sharing
24 laundry, sharing, you know, food service operations,
25 programs, those kinds of things. Or to the east of town

1 collaborating with Kootenai County. Are those some
2 potentials as far as location is concerned that may not be,
3 may not really work at the downtown location or a county
4 campus location?

5 LIEUTENANT MIKE SPARBER: So that the, that the
6 benefit of having, so --

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It sounds like --

8 LIEUTENANT MIKE SPARBER: -- collaboration could be
9 gained by being --

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: He was talking about relation
11 to scoring for the EPF process.

12 MR. STEVE KENT: I'm sorry?

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: He was talking about that in
14 relation to the scoring of the EPF process, would it score
15 higher or lower if it were close to, say, you know, Airway
16 Heights prison, you could possibly collaborate on food and
17 laundry, that type of services.

18 SHERIFF OZZIE KNEZOVICH: There's one thing that was
19 mentioned earlier, duplication of services

20 MR. STEVE KENT: Say again.

21 SHERIFF OZZIE KNEZOVICH: Duplication of services,
22 food, laundry, things like that. We don't plan on having
23 duplicate systems. We want to have a centralized laundry, a
24 centralized food process. And the only cost that we would
25 have would be the transportation of that laundry and/or

1 food. So there is no duplication of that service. It's
2 just the transportation of those items.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And just one of the -- and just
4 a basic storage area. So it's not necessarily the same
5 cost. But, for example, if you're bringing, if your main
6 laundry's downtown, and you have to bring laundry out, then
7 you need a place to store that. Someone has to go and deal
8 with those laundry issues, which is minor. But it's
9 something. And, and a kitchen would have to be something
10 where you could at least warm things or keep the food warm,
11 because it just came from downtown before you headed out.
12 But it's minimal. It's not the same thing, but it's
13 something.

14 SHERIFF OZZIE KNEZOVICH: And as to what
15 Commissioner -- is it Commissioner Mielke?

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Uh-huh

17 SHERIFF OZZIE KNEZOVICH: -- had mentioned as far as
18 if it's West Plains near Airway Heights Corrections Center,
19 there is a possibility of we, either we become the kitchen
20 and laundry service and charge them, or we talk with them,
21 and they become our kitchen and laundry service. So there
22 is a certain amount of, you know, the ability to team with
23 other agencies in that direction.

24 I'm not sure about the east and Kootenai County. For
25 two years Sheriff Watson and I have kind of batted that

1 around. But there's a lot of -- it depends on how deep you
2 want to go into that. Are we actually talking about them
3 housing prisoners with us. That's one, one topic. I don't
4 think you, you gain the same economic scale of services. I
5 think that this would be too great at this point.

6 LIEUTENANT MIKE SPARBER: You're always gonna think if
7 you build it, they will come. I mean, there's areas
8 certainly a lot of Marshals that are waiting to come here,
9 because they, they could use the bed space.

10 COMMISSIONER BONNIE MAGER: It sounds like an
11 interagency collaboration might work both ways. Now,
12 there's issues around concerns about an outside campus not
13 having the availability of the various different services
14 that we are trying to provide to the inmates in order to cut
15 down on recidivism, the support agencies. So not, not law
16 enforcement agencies but mental health and drug addiction
17 agencies.

18 MR. STEVE KENT: I guess I told the other two tables,
19 it seems to me we're all finding if you squeeze it here, it
20 gets bigger somewhere else. This whole exercise is a look
21 at where else is it gonna show up here when you come down to
22 it.

23 SHERIFF OZZIE KNEZOVICH: I have a question. I keep
24 hearing certain terminology. And I'm starting to wonder
25 where we're talking those, those issues. If they're solely

1 in jail, I don't see any time that would be releasing them
2 from jail to attend community programs. The only time we're
3 gonna be linking the programs is the corrections aspect of
4 that. So I hope we're not, we're not thinking the jail has
5 any component in that. That's solely community corrections.

6 Community corrections is one of those pieces that
7 doesn't have to be downtown or on campus. And it doesn't
8 have to be out anywhere. It could be anywhere we chose to
9 have that program based.

10 LIEUTENANT MIKE SPARBER: I think that, at least from
11 this table's perspective, Sheriff, they were talking about,
12 they're all in agreement for the community corrections. And
13 I think the point was my, my fault, the population and where
14 they may be taken, which is the individual. And that's,
15 that's simply all it was, so --

16 SHERIFF OZZIE KNEZOVICH: I guess this is where I'm
17 coming at a loss. We're not talking about community
18 corrections. I can't think of too many places in the jail
19 corrections system outside of community corrections that
20 we're going to be having that leakage that we have to worry
21 about getting them transportation to those type of settings.

22 COMMISSIONER BONNIE MAGER: Well, we were talking
23 about community corrections, because what was laid out for
24 us at the beginning was that the community corrections
25 building would be, if it were an off campus site would be

1 off campus. And if it were the downtown site, it would be
2 downtown.

3 SHERIFF OZZIE KNEZOVICH: I've been hearing some
4 discussions differently from that just recently.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: What we were discussing here is
6 the potential that community, community corrections are
7 flexible in their location. It doesn't have to be --

8 COMMISSIONER BONNIE MAGER: Right. That may be a, a
9 mitigator, but that's not what was laid out for us this
10 morning.

11 SHERIFF OZZIE KNEZOVICH: That's not a problem.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Regarding Commissioner Mielke's
13 comments, and he and I've talked about this before, the
14 potential for synergies with the State, for example, are
15 pretty good. And the best site as far as horizontal site is
16 just across Sprague Avenue. You know, there's a couple
17 things there that aren't certain. First of all, that that
18 property, the prior owner won't sell it or however that may
19 work out. And actually having worked the deal with the
20 State, so I don't know that to be proper through the EPF
21 process. But I think moving forward it's something that
22 would want to be discussed and taken into consideration,
23 should a horizontal site be selected. But we still haven't
24 gotten to that point. So I think the decision needs to be
25 made between vertical and horizontal. But we haven't gotten

1 that far.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Concerning about the
3 sustainability of this project and going, you don't want to
4 put all your eggs in one basket.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Right. And that deal could
6 break down. So who knows. You know, the next step
7 regarding the application would be the next step.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: But again, the EPF process, if
9 there are opportunities that at one site has it, another
10 doesn't, we will discuss those.

11 COMMISSIONER BONNIE MAGER: The other piece of
12 location I think that's a good point that you make is that
13 Airway Heights already has more than what is considered
14 their share of essential public facilities. We were told
15 under no -- I'll get it yet, anyway. We were told that they
16 will come out in full force against us if we try to site a
17 jail in, you know, close proximity to their, their town.

18 So, I mean, I think that's one of the things with the
19 location downtown, we already have a site. We know it's
20 permitted. And somewhere else we're gonna have to struggle
21 with whatever in the community.

22 We saw an awful lot of people show up from Tschirley
23 when they thought the site was going to be put out in
24 Spokane Valley. We saw a number of people email and come
25 down the West Plains when we looked at this before.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Nobody wants it.

2 COMMISSIONER BONNIE MAGER: But it's here now.

3 SHERIFF OZZIE KNEZOVICH: The truth of the matter is
4 during that process we had, we had a group from the Medical
5 Lake area come in. And we had one person from the Valley
6 come in.

7 COMMISSIONER BONNIE MAGER: But we had lots of emails.

8 SHERIFF OZZIE KNEZOVICH: And, and within 24 hours we
9 were building a 3,500 bed maximum security prison right next
10 to a school. I mean, that's the information that was used
11 to generate all the emails that came out. And one, we're
12 not building a 3,500 bed maximum security prison. We
13 weren't putting it right next to a school. So I think that
14 we could have mitigated some of those comments.

15 And I just attended the West Central Community
16 meeting. And on their squad analysis, their strengths,
17 weaknesses, opportunities and threat analysis, they've
18 identified a future jail as being one of their biggest
19 obstacles. As a matter of fact, they termed it social
20 engineering.

21 COMMISSIONER BONNIE MAGER: Well, you know, we had one
22 person come down in the EPF process last time. We heard
23 nothing from anybody. And I think there's been a
24 considerable organized effort since that time.

25 LIEUTENANT MIKE SPARBER: I think the only email that

1 I've actually received was from someone from the West
2 Plains. It was a 6 billion, or 1 billion dollar jail and --
3 definitely, I forwarded that on to some of the team. But so
4 far --

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I have to say that --

6 LIEUTENANT MIKE SPARBER: No, no, West Central
7 Community. I'm sorry, West Central. Yeah.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The reason that we're going
9 through the EPF process, and the reason that it was designed
10 was the recognition that there are facilities that the
11 public doesn't want in their backyard. So it's a
12 comparative approach. It's intended, you know, to be
13 decided upon by the County Commissioners. Then the
14 jurisdiction which is located there, they are required to
15 approve it. But they can mitigate the impact based upon the
16 input provided through the process, so --

17 SHERIFF OZZIE KNEZOVICH: And Jim, isn't it also part
18 of the EPF process to ensure that the areas with your lowest
19 economic future don't get dumped on?

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I wouldn't say that that's
21 specifically. What, what they look at is if you're
22 overburdened with too many facilities. So it doesn't
23 necessarily have to do with economics. Really more of a
24 public and political perceptions, is the way I view it. And
25 if it truly does affect the economics of an area, too.

1 MR. BILL GOTHMANN: I had a -- I want to get back to
2 what the Sheriff said a few minutes ago, too. First of all,
3 let me say from Spokane Valley, we caught hell about this
4 Tschirley route. Okay. We got lots of nasty email.

5 But the Sheriff brought up about the programatic needs
6 of the facility. And I want to ask a question. How about
7 work release. At the present time, Geiger does that. My
8 assumption would be that this new facility would do that,
9 too. And if so, then there's, there's a need for those
10 folks to be able to leave during the day and come back
11 during the day. Now --

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That would be our community
13 corrections center.

14 MR. BILL GOTHMANN: So that would be --

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That would be flexible as to
16 where we put it.

17 SHERIFF OZZIE KNEZOVICH: Where we currently have the
18 community corrections center is running like seven miles
19 that direction. And it's been very successful.

20 LIEUTENANT MIKE SPARBER: And there's also,
21 additionally, you've got the Sheriff's Office is looking at
22 another reporting center. That's gonna give the judges
23 another venue for their sentencing alternatives.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The argument about the
25 transportation issue with community correction center is

1 that, you know, it works very well at Geiger, but we have
2 ongoing issues with, you know, people that can't afford bus
3 passes, because they haven't gotten a job yet. Or -- and so
4 we -- or the busses change their routes, and they can't get
5 to work on time. So, obviously, the better position you're
6 in to take advantage of more bus routes and have, and
7 walking places makes it better. But it can be done
8 anywhere.

9 MR. BILL GOTHMANN: Okay. Thank you.

10 MR. STEVE KENT: If we could, we've got nine minutes
11 left here, if I could ask this. Please, sir.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: One of the questions that
13 communities are concerned about are security and safety.
14 And so, you know, if there are thoughts about that, whether
15 there's a real issue or whether it's perceived issue. But
16 those are questions, if we're gonna be unsafe because we got
17 a new corrections facility.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Absolutely.

19 MR. STEVE KENT: My proposal to you is this, gang: If
20 the recorders will do me a personal courtesy, the things
21 that we didn't get to in this meeting, please wrap those up
22 and either give them to me now, and I'll go back and
23 decipher them somehow. I'm not good at hieroglyphics. Or
24 email them to me, and I'll make sure they get into the slide
25 program. And I'll do that -- today's Wednesday; correct? I

1 will do that before Friday and get it back to you. Also,
2 you've got -- all the input's here in this slide program,
3 and you've got a copy of that. Just make sure you get the
4 information back out to everyone.

5 Where do you go from here? Make sure that you've got
6 everything put into these slides. So I need that simply.
7 I'll want to create some kind of a mechanism here for some
8 ongoing input and sort of a reverse 911 this thing.

9 SHERIFF OZZIE KNEZOVICH: Before you, does everybody
10 in the room understand what the, what the differences or
11 what the thought process is on the vertical and horizontal?
12 If you have questions, this might be a great time to wrap,
13 at least we can give you an idea of where those two systems
14 actually sit as far as flexibilities and things like that.
15 Are you all up to speed on that, the differences?
16 Everybody?

17 MR. STEVE KENT: A secondary question, Sheriff. Let
18 me float this one. If it would help you, I'm hearing a
19 little struggle based on people's guts right now given the
20 two alternatives. Where's your gut telling you? You're not
21 committing anything, but which of those kind of works for
22 you best? And certainly for Spokane City, which one of
23 those works for you best?

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We have two philosophies.

25 MR. STEVE KENT: You betcha.

1 LIEUTENANT MIKE SPARBER: I would also, too, don't
2 forget about the public meetings. They're on the website.
3 And I'll make sure that that's on the message board, as
4 well, so that you can be a part of all the, of all the
5 public comments and so forth.

6 MR. STEVE KENT: Okay. Well, based on these two
7 options, what does your gut tell you, horizontal or
8 vertical? Which one makes sense to you right now? Given
9 you can change your mind, I just want to know.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: As a true politician, let me
11 change the question with my answer.

12 MR. STEVE KENT: Well, I hope that works out for you,
13 sir.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Commissioner Mielke said there
15 was 57 million dollars to be explained to the community.
16 And so, you know, okay, I hadn't looked at the problem in
17 that respect

18 MR. STEVE KENT: Yes, sir.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That was a big light that shone
20 down. And so my answer would be, well, shoot, since it's a,
21 you know, it's a bond issue and money that you would,
22 obviously, not have to come up with, necessarily, all at
23 once, but you still have to take it to the public, whichever
24 option you choose. I think, and I can't really speak for
25 the city, but I think looking at all of the flexibility that

1 you get from having all on one site, and taking the
2 Sheriff's solution of 40 years, that's way out there.

3 I mean, at some point if you stay downtown, the county
4 campus will get too small. And somebody's gonna have to
5 leave, probably not the jail. So who's gonna leave? Is it
6 the court? You know, is it -- or planning or something like
7 that. I mean, we're just running out of land.

8 So I, I have a tendency to, I think the education and
9 the sales process, sort of a cheesy way to put it, but the
10 education of the public has to go towards the very long-term
11 and the flexibility that you get out of being able to emote
12 some of the lower activity aspect of your criminal justice
13 system. MR. STEVE KENT: How about you?

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Horizontal.

15 MR. STEVE KENT: Sir?

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Horizontal.

17 MR. STEVE KENT: Okay. Sheriff, it's time for lunch;
18 right?

19 SHERIFF OZZIE KNEZOVICH: Yeah.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Horizontal. But not just based
21 on all the information here. Just based on trips around the
22 country, seeing other cities and how they operate. And
23 efficiencies and flexibility are pretty clear to me that
24 horizontal is the way.

25 MR. STEVE KENT: I suppose, I suppose another way to,

1 I don't want to change the establishment here, but it really
2 has to do with centralized versus decentralized rather than
3 vertical and horizontal, if I understand. So the
4 decentralized model is the one that sounds a little better
5 to you.

6 What about the Spokane PD?

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Strictly from the Spokane PD
8 standpoint, I think we have an interest in keeping the
9 criminal justice system as centralized as we can. It just,
10 just seems to be smoother, better, faster for everybody. So
11 I would vote for --

12 MR. STEVE KENT: The centralized?

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Right.

14 MR. STEVE KENT: Please pass along my best to your
15 chief when you go back.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Will do.

17 MR. JIM KOLVA: As a consultant to the county, I've
18 got to maintain an open mind and consider all options and
19 try to get the facts on the table so that the decision
20 makers can make the best possible decision.

21 MR. STEVE KENT: Nice dodge. We'll move on.

22 MR. JIM KOLVA: The sooner the better. That's right.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I think really the vertical
24 centralized one-stop shop, without having to do anything
25 with the jail, not have to spread out or anything like that.

1 MR. STEVE KENT: What does your gut tell you based
2 upon what you heard today and what you know?

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Well, I like the idea of the
4 horizontal. But practical for juvenile would be vertical.

5 MR. STEVE KENT: Based on the convenience?

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Absolutely.

7 MR. STEVE KENT: Yes, ma'am. Sir?

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Horizontal.

9 MR. STEVE KENT: Okay.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Well, speaking for the Greater
11 Spokane, I would say horizontal.

12 MR. STEVE KENT: Yes, sir. Sheriff, I'll come back to
13 you.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: For me it's horizontal.
15 Because I, I recognize that we can do the same services.
16 And any, any small increase in operational costs more than
17 makes up for the savings in the, in the building costs.

18 MR. STEVE KENT: Okay. What have you got?

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I've been against building
20 anything else down here for years. It's congested. It's
21 terrible. There's no parking. People can't get here. And
22 people are parking just on the other side of Maple now. I
23 can't imagine having a bigger facility with more people and
24 more people trying to come to it. So, obviously, I, I like
25 the horizontal. I think the other thing is, is to try to

1 sell a vertical line as most convenient, people are gonna
2 say that it's most convenient for inmates, and they aren't
3 gonna care.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Horizontal.

5 MR. STEVE KENT: Gotcha. Sir?

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Horizontal for two reasons;
7 (a) its popularity, and (b), you're never gonna sell people
8 on vertical and ask them to pay 54 million dollars or
9 whatever it is more than what they can maybe get away with.
10 It just, it won't happen. People are gonna vote no.

11 MR. STEVE KENT: Yes, sir. Sir, were you here when I
12 asked the question?

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh, yeah. I'm gonna go
14 horizontal strictly for flexibility.

15 MR. STEVE KENT: Okay. Who else have we got over
16 here. I'm gonna skip over you. Thank you. Sir?

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Vertical.

18 MR. STEVE KENT: Okay. On the bases of the benefit to
19 the client? You?

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Access to the clients and the
21 courts, family transportation services.

22 MR. STEVE KENT: Yes, sir. Understood.

23 Thought about this one, sir?

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The voters are gonna look at
25 the pocketbook. And if you can convince the voters that

1 you've got a lower cost and somewhat more efficient system
2 with a, with a horizontal system, I think they'll go for it.

3 MR. STEVE KENT: Okay. Who'd I miss other than our
4 sheriff? What does your gut tell you, Sheriff? If you
5 choose to respond to my question.

6 SHERIFF OZZIE KNEZOVICH: My gut has told me since
7 2007, and going around this, all around the country that the
8 horizontal systems are the ones that are being built.
9 Seattle just built a brand new horizontal system. And it's
10 not located anywhere near their current facilities. It
11 gives the -- and it gives the community the flexibility of
12 expanding pretty much, like Bill says, in a logical fashion.

13 Centralized, decentralized, if you want to use those
14 terms, most of this is totally counterproductive. Even if
15 we build horizontal, we're still gonna be conducted
16 downtown. All pretrials will be downtown. The -- we're
17 really not changing that dynamic. We're adding a courtroom
18 either, either side of this thing. If we build a courtroom
19 out here, you're still gonna have a centralized system. You
20 still have courts in, in with your jail system and your
21 transportation.

22 Here's, here's the kicker for me, and here's the
23 kicker for the system, because I learned something about
24 initiatives, Crime Check. We failed Crime Check the first
25 time, because Crime Check wasn't on the ballot. We failed

1 by 282 votes. I've had a chance since 2007, basically, to
2 campaign of one type or another to improve services in this
3 county since 2007. We lost in 2007. Came back and won
4 Crime Check in 2008. In 2009, it was reopening the criminal
5 justice sales tax. That wasn't as easy as some people may
6 think, because people were very angry about taxes right now.
7 They're angry that we're not spending the taxes the way we
8 said we're going to spend those taxes in 2004.

9 And I have to, basically, be the one who's going out
10 promoting this new facility. I have to go to the citizens,
11 and I have to explain this isn't just 53 million dollars,
12 folks. If we're thinking 40 years out, here's your 40
13 years. It's 113 million dollars in 40 years out.

14 The day that we build this downtown, I know that in
15 2035, if all the projections are correct, and I need 235
16 more beds, I have to build a 146 million-dollar tower that
17 day. For 256 beds, I have to build that 146 million-dollar
18 tower. Then I have to maintain this empty building for the
19 next 25 years, 30 years until it gets filled up.

20 On this model, I simply build a pod when I need my
21 next 256 beds. The next 256 beds, I build the next pod.
22 If, if we don't build a businesses model like we, that's
23 been suggested, setting U.S. Marshal money aside, and have
24 the funds every, every seven and a half years to build a new
25 pod, you tell me which one's easier for the next sheriff,

1 next commissioners to come in and say, okay, folks, we need
2 more beds. We have to pass another 146 million-dollar bond.
3 Or, again, ignore this business aspect and pay as we go, we
4 need a 31 million-dollar bond to build the next 256 beds.

5 That's what it comes down to, is how do we plan the
6 future of this community. And you've heard from the very
7 beginning of this, it can't be for the next 25 years,
8 because we tried that once. It didn't work. The current
9 jail within 10 years was overcrowded. We don't know what
10 it's going to be like in, in the future. But we know that
11 one way or another, this is going to lock us into an extra
12 138 million-dollars. That's what it comes down to for me.

13 MR. STEVE KENT: I'll wrap my points up and then turn
14 it back to you, Lieutenant Sparber.

15 I know some things out there in the world place. It's
16 not this cowboy's first day in the rodeo, with these kind of
17 issues, anyway. I know that when voters are confused, they
18 vote no.

19 Secondly, people tend to vote not on fact, they vote
20 based on their guts, on their emotion about things. And
21 they will quite often take whatever facts you give them and
22 mutate them into meet the emotion they already have.
23 Trust in local government is one of those things that is one
24 of those gut response and gut reactions. Following through
25 on our commitments is one of those things that builds trust.

1 And so while these things cost a lot of money, I think
2 you all are well on your way to capitalizing on those
3 assets, not only what county governments are doing, all
4 those agencies represented in here on behalf of the
5 taxpayers, as well.

6 And so that wraps it up for me. Make sure I get your
7 notes. I'll get them into this slide program. We'll work
8 together. You'll get information minutes back out to you
9 shortly. I don't know what the time frame is for that. If
10 I can be of service in any way, shape or form in the
11 process.

12 There are -- again, I train law enforcement folks.
13 I'm going all the time. There are three sheriffs in
14 Washington State that I truly admire and would do literally
15 anything for; Sheriff Ken Irwin in Yakima County, Sheriff
16 Sue Rahr in King County; and Sheriff Knezovich in this
17 county. I would do anything for them in the long haul.

18 I thank you all. Lieutenant.

19 LIEUTENANT MIKE SPARBER: Thank you. This is my, my
20 part. And thank you Commissioner Mager for scheduling it.
21 Anytime we have an opportunity to get our concerns out and
22 address them, I think it makes us better in the long run.
23 And it will be a part of the process.

24 They are -- it looks like she's getting tired. Are
25 you getting tired? Rita, how long does it usually take for

1 the turnaround?

2 THE COURT REPORTER: About 10 days, 2 weeks.

3 LIEUTENANT MIKE SPARBER: Ten days, okay. As soon as
4 those are done, I'm going to put them on the site and make
5 them available to everyone so we have notes and can work on
6 it. I made a commitment to work with Mr. Kent on getting
7 the site set up so we can do some type of message board.

8 So any other questions from all of us before we
9 dismiss?

10 MR. STEVE KENT: What struck me was the absolute
11 consistency in the themes that came out from every table.
12 There's not a whole lot of way-out-there kind of things
13 going on in this room. I thought that was -- that's a real
14 asset, folks. That's a real asset.

15 COMMISSIONER MARK RICHARD: My question is what's
16 next?

17 LIEUTENANT MIKE SPARBER: What's next is I'm gonna
18 take all this information down. And I'm gonna go item by
19 item and see if it was either mitigated by some of the
20 discussion that was involved. I can't remember everything
21 that was said. But after I go through the notes, I'll see
22 what it is. If it's an outlying area, I'm gonna meet
23 individuals or make a point to meet with them individually
24 to see what we have to do to further expand on it. And
25 then -- go ahead. I'm sorry.

1 COMMISSIONER MARK RICHARD: Okay. Two, two quick, two
2 things that seem to me to come out of this, or three things,
3 maybe, in terms of those that are concerned about going off
4 or decentralized is public defenders, juvenile, and the law
5 enforcement, and maybe service, service component.

6 So I would just ask that you, you look at those,
7 explore those, how we get more information and make sure
8 that we fully understand the concerns of all of those groups
9 and that we are adequately weighing those in our decision.

10 LIEUTENANT MIKE SPARBER: Good point. Sheriff, do you
11 have anything?

12 SHERIFF OZZIE KNEZOVICH: No. I think I said it all.

13 LIEUTENANT MIKE SPARBER: All right. Well, thank you
14 so much for coming out today. We appreciate it.

15 (The workshop concluded at 12:40 p.m.)
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