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Hi all,

At 11:00pm yesterday the below message was sent.
It is my opinion that today's tour of the Thompson property and a soon-to-be scheduled executive session could all be fruitful conversation for a May 01 CJRC.

Thank you,

Peter

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

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Subject: Suspension of the CJRC

Dear Colleagues:

This morning during our Work Session, the Board of Commissioners voted to suspend the general meetings of the Community Justice Response Committee (CJRC). We propose forming two study groups: a Facility group and a Court Processing group. We will schedule the next CJRC meeting when it is time to hear from the Court group – Board of Judges, Prosecutor, Public Defender, etc. It is vital the two groups work in simultaneously to move this project forward.

After a review of the 2020 Criminal Justice and Incarceration Study conducted by Kenneth Ray and Allen Beck, the Board of Commissioners is interested in having the Court Processing group address the issues identified in the attached PowerPoint and prepare a written report. Such changes, of course, could be instituted almost immediately to help reduce the number of individuals currently in the Monroe County Jail. If changes can be made, even with the constraints imposed on the Courts by the current Justice Building, it will help the Commissioners make a more informed decision on the size of a new jail. Given that the initial report from the consultants was

available approximately 2 years ago, it is our hope the Court Processing group will be able to provide the CJRC with a report in one to two months.

We also invite the group to make a recommendation to the Commissioners about the following:

Does the Court Processing group recommend having one or more courtrooms in the new jail facility?

If there is a desire for a courtroom in the new facility, how many courtrooms would the group recommend?

While it may not be possible initially – due to funding – to co-locate the courts, prosecutor, public defender, etc., with the new jail, does the group recommend doing that eventually? We are asking this question because it will impact the amount of land the Commissioners and Council should be looking for.

The Commissioners will soon begin to work with the County Council, the Sheriff, and the Sheriff's staff, to identify a location for the new facility. As County Attorney Jeff Cockerill indicated at today's Work Session, the meetings to discuss potential locations will not be discussed at a public meeting. (This follows what was done with the initial identification of the Fullerton Pike location.)

However, all other meetings of this group will be public, noticed meetings. Similarly, we encourage the group discussing Court Processing to also hold public, noticed meetings. If the Court Processing group needs assistance with getting meetings noticed or on the county calendar, please contact Courtney Moser, who is copied on this email. Ms. Moser can also assist with room reservations. Please let the public know who is

serving on the Court Processing group.

The Commissioners also hope to form a treatment study group in the near future. When this group is formed, we will notify all of you and encourage you to recommend individuals who should be invited to join this group.

Respectfully,

Penny Githens

Monroe County Commissioner

P.S. I apologize if some of you have received this email twice. I do not know who all is included in the Community Justice Response Committee group.