



# ITASCA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Itasca County Courthouse  
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Thursday, December 19, 2019

7:00 PM

Itasca County Boardroom

## FINAL

### SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tinquist called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Davin Tinquist	District #1	Present	7:00 PM
Terry Snyder	District #2	Present	7:00 PM
Leo Trunt	District #3	Present	7:00 PM
Burl Ives	District #4	Present	7:00 PM
Ben DeNucci	District #5	Lat	7:01 PM

#### II. REGULAR AGENDA

##### 1. Beds/Staffing Presentation

Jail Coordinator/Captain Lucas Thompson presented information regarding current and anticipated bed and staffing situations, including information regarding efficiencies that were considered and possible revenue sources.

**RESULT: INFORMATIONAL - NO ACTION TAKEN**

##### 2. Project Timeline

Larry Filippi, Contegrity representative, provided information regarding a projected project timeline.

**RESULT: INFORMATIONAL - NO ACTION TAKEN**

##### 3. Commissioner Town Hall Meetings

Commissioner Trunt indicated that he has scheduled Town Hall meetings with the City of Warba on March 16, 2020 at 6 p.m., City of Coleraine on March 23, 2020 at 3:30 p.m., and City of Bovey on April 1, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. Commissioner Snyder indicated that he has scheduled a Town Hall meeting with the City of Marcell on February 13, 2020, and anticipates scheduling a joint meeting with Commissioner DeNucci. Commissioner Ives indicated that he has not scheduled any meetings at this time; however, he anticipates scheduling 2 or 3 such meetings. Commissioner DeNucci indicated that he has not scheduled any meetings at this time; however, he anticipates working with cities and townships within his district. Commissioner Tinquist indicated that he has not scheduled any meetings at this time; however, he has made contact with entities within his district.

**RESULT: INFORMATIONAL - NO ACTION TAKEN**

4. Individual Commissioner Suggestions/Ideas Re: Jail Facilities and Decision on Options to Pursue  
 Discussion took place regarding the need for options and related handouts showing costs and other related numbers. Commissioner Trunt shared his idea, entitled Option 1B - First Level dated 12/16/2019, which proposes to vacate First Avenue NE between the Grand Rapids Fire Station and Itasca County Courthouse and adding onto the existing building to the West and adding two additional floors above the Jail Annex, with the possibility of having an underground parking garage. Commissioners Snyder and DeNucci shared their idea, entitled Jail Downtown Option dated 12/18/2019, which proposes to vacate First Avenue NE between the Grand Rapids Fire Station and Itasca County Courthouse and adding onto the existing building to the West as well. Commissioner Ives shared his ideas for consolidation and/or movement of County offices, including the option to move Health and Human Services to the Courthouse and moving the Land Department and Sheriff's Northside Lumber building to the Itasca Resource Center (IRC) and selling the vacated properties and the possibility of selling tax-forfeited property to lower costs.

It was the consensus of the County Board to allow Contegrity to work out the numbers, costs, and plans for the options provided with the understanding that parking options be quoted out separately for the January 16, 2020 Special Session Re: Jail/Facilities.

**RESULT: INFORMATIONAL - NO ACTION TAKEN**

5. Payment Options  
**Motion To:** Direct County Auditor/Treasurer to submit necessary paperwork to ensure a sales tax option is available, if so chosen by the Board, at the November 2020 general election.

**RESULT: APPROVED (5 TO 0)**  
**MOVER:** Commissioner Burl Ives  
**SECONDER:** Commissioner Leo Trunt  
**AYES:** Davin Tinquist, Terry Snyder, Leo Trunt, Burl Ives, Ben DeNucci

**CITIZEN INPUT/QUESTIONS**

Public input was received regarding the establishment of a community planning committee, payment options, and lack of contact to area landowners.

**III. ADJOURN**

Chair Tinquist adjourned the meeting at 8:41 PM.

**ATTEST**



Ben DeNucci  
 Chair of the County Board



Brett Skyles  
 Clerk of the County Board