

DELAWARE COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION BOARD OF MANAGERS  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023, 5:30PM EST  
HYBRID: DELAWARE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING ROOM AND VIRTUAL

**Members:**

Kevin Madden, Chairman  
Councilwoman Dr. Monica Taylor  
Councilwoman Elaine Schaefer  
Joanne Phillips, Controller

Chris Eiserman  
Chekemma Fulmore Townsend  
Judge Nathaniel Nichols  
Rev. James Turner

**Call to Order:** The meeting began at 5:32PM

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Public Comment (Agenda Items Only):** No public comment.

**Approval of Minutes:** The Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, August 15, 2023, were approved.

**Reports:**

- A. Monthly Detained Youth Report, Juvenile Court and Probation Services, Kiersten Fitzsimmons- Ms. Fitzsimmons, Resource Supervisor provided the monthly detained youth report. There is currently one (1) direct file male being housed at Abraxas Morgantown; one (1) male at Chester County; one (1) male at Bucks County; one (1) female in Jefferson County, Ohio; and one (1) female currently being housed in a medical unit.
- B. Superintendent for Juvenile Justice Services, David Irizarry - Mr. Irizarry introduced Bob Reid from Spiezle Architectural Group (SAG) and Danielle Floyd from Public Works to provide an update.

Ms. Floyd provided the Board with the status of demolition and a summary of the demolition process. In March of 2021, the Lima Facility on Middletown Road was closed and has since remained vacant. In July of 2022, the County Council approved a contract with SAG to complete a study to determine whether the existing facility could be renovated and reopened. The study was concluded on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 and included an estimate of the likely cost to demolish the existing facility, a proposed design for the new facility, and scheduling options. The Juvenile Detention Board of Managers recommended that the County Council proceed with the demolition option for the facility. On May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, County Council approved a contract with SAG for professional design services and demolition of the existing facility. On September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, County staff completed contract negotiations with SAG. Ms. Floyd additionally, listed the subcontractors assisting with the project:

**Survey/Civil Engineer:** *H. Gilroy Damon Associates*  
**Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing, and Fire Protection:** *Schiller and Hersh*  
**Environmental Consulting:** *Hillman Development Advisors*

Bob Reid, from SAG, provided a schedule update for the facility's demolition progress. The thirteenth-month schedule is as follows:

**SEPT 11, 2023**

- Project Kick Off Meeting

**SEPT –OCT 2023**

- Civil Survey/National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Submission Documents
- Architectural/ Electrical Engineer Survey
- Environmental Survey

**NOV 2023 –APR 2024**

- NPDES approvals (*expedited review is being pursued*)

**APR 2024**

- Bidding documents
- Update to JDCBOM
- Project advertisement submitted for County Council approval

**MAY 2024**

- Project advertised

**MAY-JUNE 2024**

- Bid opening and evaluation
- Update to JDCBOM
- Recommendation of contract award to County Council

**JUNE 2024**

- Council action on award of demolition contract

**JUNE –OCT 2024**

- Hazardous Material Abatement
- Demolition Activities

Board Member Phillips asked if the hazardous materials abatement could be expedited while the building is being prepped for demolition.

Mr. Reid responded that that is being investigated and that he expects the abatement and demolition to be completed by the same contractor and that it could be modified to save time.

Chairman Madden asked if there was anything the County could do to help expedite the process at any stage of the demolition schedule.

Mr. Reid responded that the length of the timeline is dependent on permitting and approvals from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

Councilwoman Schaefer asked whether, if all goes according to the proposed schedule, the site would be ready for building by October 2024.

Mr. Reid responded affirmatively.

Councilwoman Schaefer asked if building planning could be done simultaneously.

Board member Phillips asked if there was a submission date for the NPDES permit.

Mr. Reid responded that the NPDES permit will be submitted in November of 2023.

Chairman Madden asked if waiting on that submission is the biggest obstacle in compressing the timeline and if there was any appeal that could be made to expedite the approval.

Mr. Reid responded that finalized building plans could help to speed up the approval process.

- C. Mr. Irizarry provided additional updates for the Board. Foremost, Juvenile Detention Services was presented to County Council to apply for a federal grant to support a partnership with Center for Children's Law and Policy to aid in planning, prevention, and programming on the front lines of the Juvenile Justice System. Additionally, Delaware County was one of 45 jurisdictions selected to attend a conference in Houston, TX hosted by the Annie E. Casey Foundation to discuss expanding diversion and prevention, strengthening community partnerships, addressing guns and safety, creating healing spaces, and sustaining detention reform.

Councilman Madden clarified that approval for the grant application was presented earlier to the County Council and that approval is on the agenda for Wednesday September 20<sup>th</sup>'s Council Meeting.

Chairman Madden asked whether other counties' statistics are being comparatively measured.

Mr. Irizarry responded affirmatively.

Chairman Madden asked if the data was also qualitative.

Mr. Irizarry again responded in the affirmative.

**Old Business:** Councilwoman Schaefer asked for an update on the baseline study timeline from Center for Children’s Law and Policy.

Mr. Irizarry responded that two more community meetings will be held followed by a presentation to Juvenile Justice stakeholders. At this point, they will be updated on baseline information and the draft will be presented to this Board at the November meeting.

**New Business:** No new business

**Public Comment:** No public comment.

**Board Member Comment:** No Board Member comment.

**Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 5:57PM.