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**Codington County Facility Study
Watertown, South Dakota
Architecture Incorporated Project No: 2500
Meeting with Sheriff and Court Representatives
July 10, 2013
10:00-noon**

Present:

George Heller, County Commissioner
Brenda Hanten, County Commissioner
Myron Johnson, County Commissioner
Toby Wishard, Sheriff
Tom Walder, Chief Correctional Officer
Terry Satterlee, Human Resources Director
Judge Bob Timm, Third Circuit Court
Joel Torggrude, Circuit Court Administrator
Connie Hartley, Clerk of Courts
Mark Aspaas, Architecture Incorporated
Elizabeth Squyer, Architecture Incorporated

Items Discussed:

1. Conceptual plans of Option Five were reviewed. The jail still has many issues that will not be solved with this proposed scheme.
2. The States Attorney space should be separate from the Courts space. It may be desirable to include a dedicated meeting space in the courthouse for the States Attorney and for the Public Defender. Public Defender may need space for an office as the Courts grows.
3. George discussed the advantages of using the existing courthouse for court use.
4. The concept of a larger west addition was discussed. The new jail could be at the north end and courts at the south end with a circulation link. The existing jail could be renovated to meet the needs of the State's Attorney's office, Veteran's Affairs, County Nurse and Welfare offices.
5. Myron pointed out that building on another site may be the best solution for the courts and jail. This would allow for parking and future expansion. There is a "Justice Center" in Worthington that includes Jail, Sheriff Department and Courts. The county administrative offices could remain in the courthouse.
6. Architecture Incorporated will investigate how much land a Justice Center would need.
7. County Commissioners will talk to the City to see if there is any interest in partnering on site or space.

Respectfully submitted:

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