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## **Codington County Facility Study Watertown, South Dakota**

**Architecture Incorporated Project No: 2500**

**Study Kick-Off Meeting with Department Heads and Court Representatives**

**August 6, 2013**

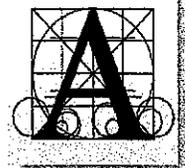
**2:30-4:30 p.m.**

### **Present:**

Brenda Hanten, County Commissioner  
Myron Johnson, County Commissioner  
Tyler McElhany, County Commissioner  
Elmer Brinkman, County Commissioner  
Milo Ford, Facility Manager  
Toby Wishard, Sheriff  
Tom Walder, Chief Correctional Officer  
Terry Satterlee, Human Resources Director  
Mark Aspaas, Architecture Incorporated

### **Items Discussed:**

1. We started by discussing the trip to the Nobles County Justice Center in Worthington. We discussed the pros and cons of what we saw and what they said they would do differently.
  - a. The Sheriff liked the separate work release area at Nobles Co.
  - b. The Booking area was too far from the Jail beds.
  - c. They liked the recreation area that Yankton Co. has.
  - d. The Sally Port at Nobles Co. was good and efficient.
  - e. Work Release can be further away from the main Jail as in Nobles Co. with a separate entrance, Laundry, etc.
  - f. The access of the prisoners to the Courtrooms was good but not accessible. Could we not accomplish that on-grade?
  - g. We all felt that there was some wasted space in the Nobles Co. facility. One larger jail pod might work better than two small ones.
2. The Nobles County facility is about 97,000 SF and sits on approximately 20 acres of land. The Codington County Highway Department land is about 17.5 acres on the west end of Watertown. It has a few existing structures that would have to be moved or demolished if we were going to try to use that land for the new Justice Center.



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3. We discussed a number of potential sites for the facility including the land across the street to the west of the current Courthouse. The expense of purchasing land is something the County would like to avoid if possible.
4. It was decided that Architecture Incorporated should do a quick study of the County Highway land and show how (if) a new facility with parking could fit on the land if the current structures were moved to the north end of the land. This has to be decided in order to know if the County should be looking for land.
5. The Sheriff would like to remain self-sustaining on the laundry and food service for the jail.
6. We set the next meeting for August 14 at 10:00 AM in the County Commission room.

**Respectfully submitted:**

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