



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Requested Board Meeting Date: 2/21/2023

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***Title:**

Pima County Adult Detention Facility Blue Ribbon Commission

***Introduction/Background:**

At the January 24, 2023 meeting, the Board approved the County Administrator’s proposal to form a Blue Ribbon Commission to evaluate the need, feasibility and costs to improve and/or construct a new adult detention facility.

***Discussion:**

The County Administrator would provide the list of proposed Commission members to the Board for approval at their February 21, 2023 meeting. Attached is a memorandum with the plan on the Commission, including the Charter and timeline of work .

***Conclusion:**

The Commission is ready to begin this process with a work timeline of 180 days if approved. The Commission’s recommendations would be expected in September 2023.

***Recommendation:**

The County Administrator recommends that the Board approve the proposed Commission members, charter and work timeline.

***Fiscal Impact:**

N/A

***Board of Supervisor District:**

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County Administrator Signature:  Date: 2/21/23

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MEMORANDUM

Date: February 8, 2023

To: The Honorable Chair and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: Jan Leshner 
County Administrator

Re: **Pima County Adult Detention Facility Blue Ribbon Commission**

Background

In early December, Sheriff Nanos provided the Board with information regarding the current condition of the adult detention facility, with a request that the Board consider approving a half-cent sales tax to fund the construction of a new detention facility, citing facility conditions, inmate capacity and current staffing levels. In response, the Board requested additional information on the detention facility's current condition, including the need for cost of maintenance and renovations versus new construction. My December 28, 2022 memorandum provided information on funding options available to the County to finance renovations or the construction of a new facility, preliminary information on maintenance conditions and capacity of the current facility, and the need for further evaluation.

At the Board of Supervisor's January 24, 2023 meeting, the Board approved the proposal to form a Blue Ribbon Commission to evaluate the need, feasibility and costs to improve and/or construct a new adult detention facility. The following is the plan on the Commission's charter, members and work timeframe.

Adult Detention Facility Blue Ribbon Commission

The Commission Charter (Attachment 1) describes the Commission's purpose and focus on assessing the condition of the County's current detention facility and the need and feasibility of design and capacity improvements and/or construction of a new facility. This will involve a multi-faceted assessment of factors that will inform the process. As such, the Commission will have three working groups tasked with developing recommendations to the full Commission in the areas of facility assessment, operations and finance. The Charter also includes information on responsibilities, membership, and meetings.

Members of the Commission will represent a community cross section of subject matter experts. Each of the working groups will be led by one of three Commission Vice-Chairs and include other Commission members, and additional subject matter experts called upon as needed. These additional subject matter experts can include County staff and outside experts in their fields.

Based on input from the Sheriff and the Board, I have reached out to various members of our community with the necessary expertise that are willing to serve on this Blue Ribbon Commission.

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The proposed members of the Commission are:

Daniel Sharp – (Serving as Chair) Former Oro Valley Police Chief
India Davis – Former Pima County Sheriff’s Department (PCSD) Corrections Director
Frank Hecht – PCSD Civilian Advisory Review Board/Retired Corrections Captain
Jack O’Brien – Pima County Public Defender’s Office
David Ollanik – Sundt Construction
Wendy Petersen – Retired Pima County Justice Services Director
Grady Scott – Pastor, Grace Temple and Missionary Baptist Church
Chris Sheafe – Real Estate Development/ Member of Rio Nuevo Board
Roberto Villaseñor – Former Tucson Police Department Chief of Police
Paul Wilson – Former PCSD Bureau Chief

Appointees represent constituencies from law enforcement, corrections, clergy, public defense, construction and development, and justice services. County staff representing County Administration, Finance, Facilities, Health, Justice Services, Behavioral Health, and the Sheriff’s Department will be on hand to answer questions and provide information to the Commission and its working groups.

As previously stated, the Commission will have 180 days to deliberate and submit recommendations based on their findings. Given the timeframe, the Commission will meet at least monthly, with working groups meeting as often as necessary to provide timely updates and recommendations to the full Commission. Diana Durazo, Senior Advisor in my office, will coordinate this effort and be my point of contact for the Commission. Ms. Durazo will also work with the Communications office to develop a public outreach plan and opportunities for public input.

During this process, I will provide the Board regular updates on their progress. I anticipate providing the Board with the Commission’s recommendations in September 2023, unless their deliberative process is completed earlier.

Recommendation

I recommend the Board approve all aspects of the work plan as described and the proposed Commission members listed above.

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c: The Honorable Chris Nanos, Pima County Sheriff
Carmine DeBonis, Jr., Deputy County Administrator
Francisco García, MD, MPH, Deputy County Administrator and Chief Medical Officer
Steve Holmes, Deputy County Administrator
Diana Durazo, Senior Advisor, Pima County Administrator’s Office
Michelle Campagne, Senior Advisor, Pima County Administrator’s Office

ATTACHMENT 1

PIMA COUNTY ADULT DETENTION FACILITY BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION

CHARTER

I PURPOSE

The purpose of the Adult Detention Facility Blue Ribbon Commission is to assess the need for a new Pima County Adult Detention Center or improvements, as well as funding options. The Commission will provide recommendations to the County Administrator based on their findings.

2 RESPONSIBILITIES

The Commission will consider information provided by County staff, community stakeholders and subject matter experts for the purposes of assessing:

- The current condition of the Pima County Adult Detention facility to determine the need and feasibility for design and capacity improvements and/or construction of a new facility.
- Best practices and standards and other factors impacting operations given industry changes since the county facility was built.
- Funding options available to the county for facility improvements and/or construction of a new facility and related services.

The Commission is tasked with providing recommendations to the County Administrator after their deliberative process. The County Administrator will provide regular updates to the Board of Supervisors on the Commission's progress.

3 MEMBERSHIP

The members on the Commission will be appointed by the County Administrator. Members will represent a cross section of the community including, but not limited to:

- Law enforcement
- Justice System
- Construction and Development
- Social Services

The Commission will have a Chair and three Vice-Chairs. Each Vice-Chair will lead one of three Commission working groups:

- Facility Assessment Working Group
- Operations Working Group
- Finance Working Group

Vacancies: Interested members of the community may submit a letter of interest for consideration of placement to fill a vacancy through the County Administrator's Office. Members of the Commission may make nominations to fill a vacancy.

CORRECTIONAL FACILITY BLUE RIBBON STRATEGIC COMMISSION

Charter

County staff representing the following Pima County departments, including members of the Pima County Sheriff's Department, will attend the meetings to serve as resources to the Commission and working groups:

Pima County Administrator's Office

Finance Department

Facilities Management

Justice Services

Health Department

Behavioral Health Department

The Adult Detention Facility Blue Ribbon Commission will serve for six months to complete their deliberative process and provide recommendations, unless their term is extended by the County Administrator.

4 MEETINGS

Meetings will follow Roberts Rules of Order.

The Commission will meet at least monthly and more often as needed.

The individual Commission working groups will determine how often they need to meet to meet their objectives and provide regular updates to the full Commission.

Agendas will be prepared by County staff and approved by the Chair prior to all meetings.

5 AUTHORITY

The Commission serves in an advisory capacity to the County Administrator.