

Jail minutes (1/17/2017)

Commissioner Heflin said he would rather ask questions tonight and discuss it before the vote on Tues. at the Special called meeting.

Mark Thomas said the architect was not there and he was not sure how many answers they could get but Julie Sanders said he had already been there and answered all the questions they had. Mark said he still had concerns about the water issues at the Harts Chapel site. Bob Davis said BCUD said they can get water there it is no problem. Chuck Heflin said he thinks it will be a pressure problem. Davis said it would not they have the tank there and it is working fine now it is just adding the additional water and adjusting pressure. The BCUD had tested it.

Jimmy Woodson said eventually the Hwy. Dept. and the Bus Garage was going to need new places, why not put those together to save money have the same tools, garage, mechanics, etc. but you would need a place to build it and we can always use the extra land for something like that so he thought Green Lane would maybe be a better option because it was a little closer. Linda Yockey said 911 was also going to need a place to build on soon they were out of room.

Billy King was concerned about the Rock on the Harts Chapel site. He said you are going to have clay and rock in TN but with clay you know what you are getting if you start blasting rock you don't know.

Misty Vincent was a member in the crowd who lived near Harts Chapel and said she had well water and was concerned what the blasting would do to her well.

Bobby Parker was a member in the crowd who owns property near Harts Chapel and they would need to purchase an area of his property or take it by eminent domain and Chuck Heflin said he was concerned about that as well. He said he had talked to Parker and he did not wish to sell. He asked Parker if that was correct. Parker said he did not come to comment just to listen.

Bill Anderson said Harts Chapel could be more beneficial for industrial use later and profit the county in taxes where Green Lane likely would not.

Chris White said they should consider public infrastructure, in his opinion Green Lane was better. He said you would not want inmates released with no one to pick them up and nowhere to go but to a residential home to borrow money or a phone.

Kevin Allen was a member in the crowd from the Harts Chapel area he said he was totally against it because of the exact reason Chris had just said. He said he recently had an inmate escape from the hospital that was a mental patient that came to his house wanting help and taxi money. He called the police. Thankfully he was home because his wife is handicap. He said there is also a stream that runs across the property. He said he will get a lawyer and file an injunction if he has to in order to try to stop it from being at Harts Chapel.

Josh Carney said that he thought he should make the commissioners aware that the Harts Chapel site could be a problem with the internet and Voice over IP service we have now. He said EMS did not have it at their building due to it being too slow. It is about 5 miles from the Old Regions Bank Bldg.

that the county now owns and that is where all the equipment is located. He said he was looking into options so it would not matter where the site was located but the possibility of having to put up more towers was something that could happen.

Biff Farrar said he was disappointed that the architect made a decision on the site choice. He was just there to help with the building. Mayor Ray said the Commission asked him and put him on the spot.

Tony Barrett said he was not disappointed he was glad the architect told them his opinion. He was hired to help with the building and he was an expert and when asked he said 60/40 for Harts Chapel. Barrett said all the law enforcement officers he had talked to said they wanted it at Harts Chapel. They are the ones who will be running it and working there daily. Barrett said you can't have too much land that is for sure. He said he had checked into the stats and Green Lane had 249 calls last year in that area and it was a higher crime area.

Don Gallagher asked what the release policy is for prisoners. Tim Lokey occasionally someone doesn't have family or someone pick them up but most of the time someone is waiting on the released inmate. Lokey said he personally thought Harts Chapel was a better area.

Billy King said they need to look at the economic part of it all as well. It is all taxpayer dollars.

Jimmy Woodson said 16 of the 18 commissioners were present for this meeting almost a study session and he believed they would vote and make a good decision Tuesday night. He told Mayor Ray he may have to break a tie. Mayor Ray said don't worry about him he will be ready to vote.