

Justice Campus Land Toward a Constitutionally Sound Jail



Executive Summary

Constitutional treatment of those incarcerated in Monroe County is crucial to Monroe County Governing bodies. Given this tremendous responsibility of care, this document provides an evidence-based path forward to create funding guidelines for a Justice Campus that provides care that includes and goes beyond constitutional care.

Scope of Incarceration in Monroe County

We focus on three alternative policies from the two commissioned reports and the surveys conducted by various departments. In this report, we do not reiterate or reanalyze the associated areas of Treatment, Jail Design, or Justice Campus Components.

Policy Alternatives

There are three areas of policy where evidence exists to justify a policy decision, which is why we aggregated these three in one brief.

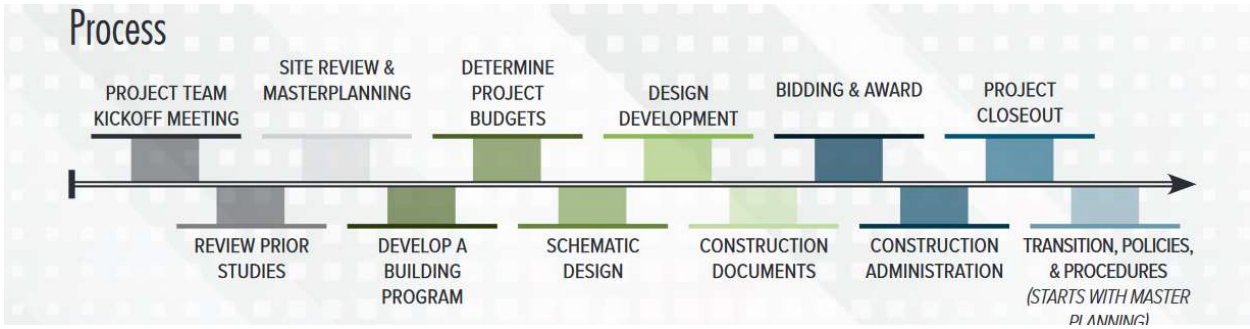
1. **Number of Jail Beds:** Recommendations have a range of 0 to 1,000.
2. **Justice Campus Location:** Proposed options include rural and downtown.
3. **Justice Campus Size:** Reports calculated a range of 9 to 25 acres.

Policy Recommendations

Given the evidence presented to the CJRC to date, the Council should only vote to approve funding for a Justice Campus meets the following criteria:

1. **We recommend a Jail with a bed size of no more than 400.**
 - a. The [Ray study](#) recommended 450. p. 17
 - b. The [Prosecutor/Public Defender/Bar Association survey](#) is in the 400-450 range. p. 79
 - c. In the [Judicial survey](#), the mean response was 393 beds. pp. 4-5
 - d. 400 is an increase of 106 beds from the current level (a 36.1% increase).
 - e. However, as “an estimated 75% of jail inmates have mental illness and/or SUD,” ([Hill](#), p. 11) the bed capacity should be completed intentionally to work toward rehabilitating this population into community-based programs, as recommended by:
 - i. The [Prosecutor/Public Defender/Bar Association survey](#) p. 80
 - ii. The [Judicial Survey](#) p. 3
2. **We recommend a jail location as close to existing services as possible.**
 - a. The [Health Department/agency survey](#) specifically addressed this question. pp. 9-10
 - b. The [Prosecutor/Public Defender/Bar Association survey](#) addresses this question. pp. 94-103
 - c. The [Judicial survey](#) published relevant comments. pp. 35-41
3. **Justice Campus Size will be determined by several factors in the future.**
 - a. A lack of data leads us to not be able to make a recommendation, currently.

Steps to a Constitutionally-Sound Jail



Source: DLZ Submittal- Monroe County Justice Complex, p. 11