

ALBEMARLE-CHARLOTTESVILLE REGIONAL JAIL AUTHORITY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

<p><u>AGENDA TITLE:</u> Planning and Needs Study Community Engagement</p> <p><u>SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST:</u></p> <p><u>STAFF CONTACTS:</u> Martin Kumer, Superintendent</p>	<p><u>AGENDA DATE:</u> <u>ITEM NUMBER:</u> August 12, 2021</p> <p><u>FORMAL AGENDA:</u> Yes</p> <p> <u>ACTION:</u> <u>INFORMATION:</u> Yes</p> <p><u>CONSENT AGENDA:</u> <u>ACTION:</u> <u>INFORMATION:</u></p> <p><u>ATTACHMENTS:</u></p> <p><u>REVIEWED BY:</u> <u>Martin Kumer,</u> <u>Superintendent</u></p>
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BACKGROUND:

During the Board’s Work Session on July 22, 2021, the Board approved Moseley Architects to contract with an entity that specializes in public engagement for public works projects.

Moseley Architects has selected The Miles Agency, Delceno C. Miles, President/CEO, Virginia Beach, Virginia. They specialize in creating and developing programs through advertising, public and community relations, and promotions that communicate specific messages to target groups in the market place.

Needs Study

On Monday, August 2, we met with Chris Roman, Moseley Architects and Delceno Miles, The Miles Agency, to discuss the logistics for the Community Engagement sessions as part of the **Needs Study**. The Needs Study will help determine the renovation goals and objectives.

The sessions will be held on the following dates and times:

Stakeholder meetings – August 24th, 25th and 26th from 9 am - 3pm. These sessions are targeted towards community leaders/groups who are not affiliated with criminal justice agencies but have an interest in how the jail interacts with the community it serves. Possible suggestions from this group could be increased parking, enhanced public areas, increase ADA access, additional visitation stations, increased outdoor recreation, more program space etc. These meetings will be conducted by the Miles Agency in a one-on-one format at the Jail or a location convenient of stakeholder. The list of those being interviewed will be determined by recommendations from the Board and the Superintendent. These sessions are part of the Needs Study to determine design and renovation needs.

Public tours will be conducted beginning the week of August 9, through September 20. The tours are designed to give the community an opportunity to view the areas of the jail under consideration for renovation. The purpose is to then invoke and encourage informed feedback at the stakeholder

meetings.

Community Engagement – September 15th 6-7:30 pm, September 20th 6-7:30 pm, October 6th 6-7:30 pm in the Jail’s Muster Room, the same room where Board Meetings are usually held.

The first two September sessions will be used to directly engage the community members with visual aids, architectural renderings etc, and interactive stations to allow the public to view recommendations and then rank them based on their opinion. These sessions will be conducted by Moseley Architects, The Miles Agency and Jail staff.

The final October 6th session will allow Moseley Architects an opportunity to show case the community’s recommendations and suggestions from the in a visual format with architectural renderings.

Planning Study

As part of the Planning Study, Moseley Architects will be interviewing local Criminal Justice organizations from all three jurisdictions to include but not limited to, sheriff’s department, police departments, judges, commonwealth attorneys, defense attorneys, the Community Justice Planner, Region Ten, Offender Aid and Restoration and jail staff. These interviews are separate and distinct from the community engagement meetings. These interviews will be scheduled based on the agency’s availability.

These interviews will be used to determine future beds space needs based on local crime data, alternatives to incarceration, etc. This is an integral part of the Planning Study and is required in order to seek state funding.

RECOMMENDATION: