



Albemarle County

Legislation Text

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AGENDA DATE: 3/2/2022

TITLE:

Albemarle-Charlottesville Regional Jail (ACRJ) Renovation Project

SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST: Receive information about the upcoming renovation project at Albemarle-Charlottesville Regional Jail (ACRJ).

ITEM TYPE: Regular Information Item

STAFF CONTACT(S): Richardson, Walker, Birch

PRESENTER (S): Doug Walker, Deputy County Executive; Martin Kumer, ACRJ Superintendent; Tony Bell, Moseley Architects

LEGAL REVIEW: Not Required

REVIEWED BY: Jeffrey B. Richardson

BACKGROUND: At the regular meeting on October 20, 2021, the Board received a presentation regarding a proposed renovation and expansion of the Albemarle-Charlottesville Regional Jail (ACRJ). This presentation is included for your reference as Attachment A. As part of that presentation, the Board was informed about the work to complete a Community Based Corrections Plan and Needs Assessment, both of which have now been completed. Next steps include the adoption of a resolution by the ACRJ Authority Board formally seeking State financial support for the project, in an amount up to 25% of eligible project costs, with the expectation that the actual design of the project will begin in the Summer of 2023. It is expected that the ACRJ Authority will consider that resolution at its meeting in March.

STRATEGIC PLAN: Infrastructure Investment - Prioritize, plan, and invest in critical infrastructure that responds to past and future changes and improves the capacity to service community needs.

DISCUSSION: The consideration of a major jail renovation and expansion project by the ACRJ Authority Board is moving forward on an expedited timeline. The submittal of the Community Based Corrections Plan and Needs Assessment to the Board of Local and Regional Jails, along with the expected upcoming action by the Authority Board to formally seek funding support from the General Assembly, further advances the project along this timeline. Any future financing for this project will require formal support from all three participating jurisdictions along with an approved amendment to the ACRJ Service Agreement by all three parties. Based on the current schedule, it is anticipated that the Board of Supervisors will be asked to consider these actions as soon as September 2022. For this reason, the ACRJ facility project team has been tasked with providing timely, substantive updates to the Board in advance of the expected upcoming request for formal Board action.

BUDGET IMPACT: Albemarle County will be required to pay its proportionate share of capital and operating costs associated with this project. Preliminary cost projections include a worst-case scenario of a total capital investment of nearly \$50 million. Finance modeling associated with this scenario suggests new debt service for Albemarle in the range of \$800,000 to \$1.24 million, beginning in FY 25 based on the current project

schedule.

RECOMMENDATION:

This information is provided to keep the Board of Supervisors aware as this project moves forward, anticipating future Board action regarding participation.

ATTACHMENTS:

A - ACRJ October 2021 Presentation to the Board of Supervisors