

Committee Members:

- John Harrington, President of Council
- Brian Bauman, Ward 5
- Randy Greeno, At-Large
- Dennis Hellmann, Ward 2
- Jim Niemeyer, Ward 6
- Josh Palmer, Ward 7
- Grant Russel, A-Large
- Jim Slough, Ward 4
- Beth Warnecke, Ward 3
- Brad Wisener, Ward 1
- Jeff Wobser, At-Large

Staff:

- Christina Muryn, Mayor
- Donald Rasmussen, Law Director
- Rob Martin, Service-Safety Director
- Jeremy Kalb, City Engineer
- Jim Staschiak, City Auditor
- Judge HICKENBELL
- CHIEF OF POLICE TRING
- JUDGE BISHOP
- X DAVID BEACH
- X CANDACE GRIFFITH, ASST CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER

Meeting Start Time: 6:04

Guests:

Meeting End Time: 6:42

67 members of the public

Agenda:

Call to Order

Roll Call

~~X Approval of Minutes~~

New Items

Community Alternative Sentencing Center (CASC)

Adjournment

- Intro by Mayor
- PRESENTATION by CANDACE GRIFFITH
- POWER POINT
- CLOSING by Mayor

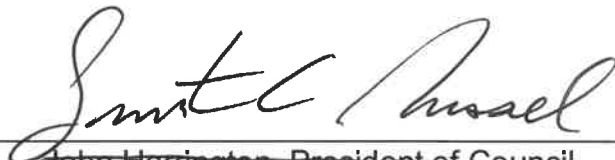

~~John Harrington, President of Council~~

Grant Russel, President Pro Tem

COMMITTEE REPORT

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, OHIO

A **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE** meeting was held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 to discuss the Community Alternative Sentencing Center (CASC).



John Harrington, President of Council

GRANT RUSSEL, PRESIDENT PRO-TEM

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

DATED: February 15, 2022

Community Alternative Sentencing Center

A Jail Alternative

Community Alternative Sentencing Center

- ▶ Established under ORC 307.932
- ▶ Counts as “jail” facility/direct sentencing option for Judge
- ▶ Does not need to follow minimum jail/BAD standards from ODRC
- ▶ Treatment must be offered
- ▶ Work release can count towards mandatory time
- ▶ Max 90 day terms

Target Population

- ▶ OVI/DUS offenders and other scheduled commitments
- ▶ Probation Violators
- ▶ Offenders that failed to comply with treatment, groups, or community service
- ▶ Misdemeanor offenders awaiting placement in a residential facility
- ▶ Offenders serving time for offenses stemming from drug abuse or addiction
- ▶ Long term jail stays at HCJC in need of step-down and reentry services

CASC vs. WORC

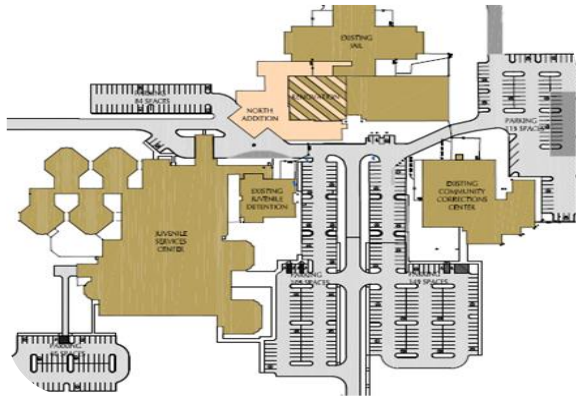
- ▶ Upfront payment required ranging from \$125 to \$175
- ▶ Had to have a job/Could not be locked down to the facility
- ▶ Could not test positive for THC
- ▶ Strict rules/violation resulting in return to HCJC
- ▶ Could not count towards state mandated time

How does this help?

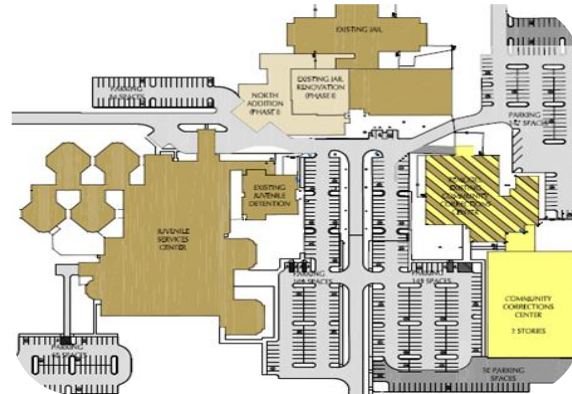
- ▶ Decreases number of misdemeanor bookings into the jail
- ▶ Reduce scheduling issues for court commitments and provide flexibility in sentencing
- ▶ Those incarcerated on warrants and long-term stay for probation violators can be transferred to the CASC reducing number of offenders in the jail
- ▶ Medical Expenses-offenders can leave for approved medical and treatment appointments
- ▶ Offenders will be able to maintain their jobs and/or look for a job from within the facility
- ▶ Probation officers, peer support, and other social services can enter the facility and educate and offer programming to offenders so the offender can engage in services prior to release

Facilities in Ohio

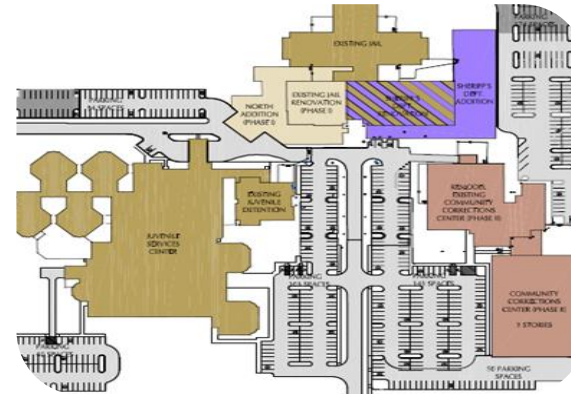
- ▶ Akron-old misdemeanor jail
 - ▶ Batavia-wing of the jail
 - ▶ Marion-old treatment facility/residential
 - ▶ Mansfield-old hospital
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- ▶ Site visits to Mansfield and Hamilton County, IN



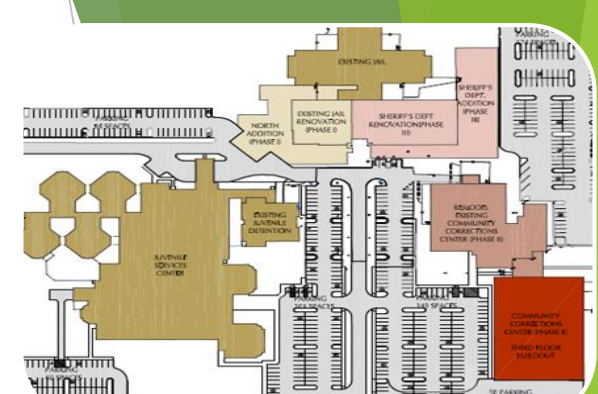
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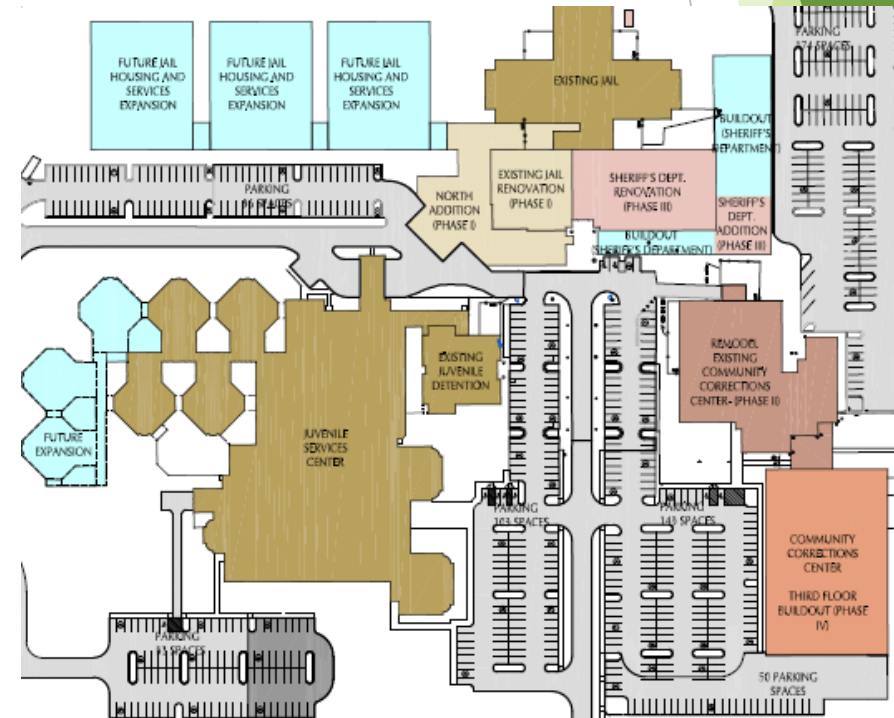


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Hamilton County Justice Campus

The greenfield site, CR 140, is the ideal location for a Justice Campus. This photo shows the Hamilton County, IN Justice Campus as provided by RQAW architectural firm.

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What's next?

- ▶ Release RFQ
- ▶ FMC funds an initial design plan
 - ▶ Better idea of operation costs/staffing
 - ▶ Land needed
- ▶ Help to locate an ideal location
- ▶ Build community support for this facility/Establish the need
- ▶ Continue identifying outside housing locations for commitments while awaiting the facility

Requested January Numbers

- ▶ 80 total misdemeanor bookings in January
 - ▶ 32 ORD or ORC/ORD split
 - ▶ 48 charged ORC (does not designate whether City case or not)
- ▶ 26 commitments scheduled
 - ▶ All were turned away
 - ▶ 5 FTA
- ▶ Outside Housing