

DESCHUTES COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2015

1. Call to Order & Introductions

Vice Chair Baney called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m., as Judge Sullivan indicated he would be joining the meeting late.

Present were Tammy Baney, Commissioner; Judge Michael Sullivan; Judge Randy Miller; Tom Anderson, County Administrator; Ken Hales, Community Justice; District Attorney John Hummel; Paul Kansky, for the Bend Police Department; Shelley Smith, KIDS Center; Jacques DeKalb, defense attorney, Dave Tarbet, Redmond Police Chief; Capt. Shane Nelson, Sheriff's Office; and citizens Roger Olson of NAMI of Central Oregon; Marilyn Burwell, Peace and Justice Team; and Claire Withycombe of the Bulletin.

2. January Minutes.

Motions to approve and second approval of the January 6, 2015 minutes were offered, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Public Comment

Citizen Marilyn Burwell of the Peace and Justice Team presented a handout and discussed several Oregon legislative bills. Commissioner Baney said she would review them.

4. Discussion regarding "DeschutesSafe"

John Hummel stated he wants to work with various groups to better improve coordination around crime prevention. He had planned to start on this after a few months in office, but began hearing from people right away about the various specialty courts: Drug Court, Family Court, Veterans' Court and others.

He was uncertain how to approach this because all of the ideas have some merit. He thought he might solicit public feedback, but thinks this can be better with a group. He attended a conference before he took office that focused on this issue. He chose to put an advisory group together to solicit feedback. He has to be sure not to just focus on the newest thing, but also to evaluate what is already in place to determine if it can be done better.

His concept is to map the current crime problem here so that everyone will know, breaking it down by location, age, and so on. They need to know what drives crime other than the obvious, and what are they doing now to address those drivers. There may be some areas that are not being addressed and others where efforts are being duplicated.

After this is compiled, they can seek out public feedback. He recently reviewed a grant through the MacArthur Foundation that was due immediately, but has a focus on pre-trial incarceration. It is for a seven-month planning grant to look at what is being done in crime prevention, and the pre-trial incarceration issue. They will expect a plan, and some jurisdictions will be awarded a grant. It means a significant amount of money if achieved. He obtained letters of support from all agencies and others in short order. He is fully prepared that the community may say what is being done is great already. There may not be any gaps. But the pre-trial jail population is a problem since those individuals cannot go into treatment or be involved in providing any services to the community.

He should know the results of the application in about a month. They would fund it by the end of May.

Judge Sullivan said that the people being held pre-trial are there almost always at the request of the District Attorney's Office. Generally the judges will listen to what the attorneys have to say. Those decisions are made in court so the review needs to include this.

Mr. Hummel stated that how it is done now is based on anecdotal information and experience. There is a prosecutor pre-trial risk assessment tool that many D.A. offices are now using. He wants to look at this even if they do not get the grant. However, he does not want to do things piecemeal but in total.

Judge Sullivan said they are using the ankle bracelets in some cases. Mr. Hales noted there are 150 people with electronic monitoring devices, and a 130 are pre-trial. The County subsidizes this program. They use GPS and a combo unit, and alcohol sensors.

Jacques DeKalb said that the release officer uses criteria for recommendations, and his experience is that the D.A. officials come in well prepared to make an argument regarding security issues. They take in account the crime and criminal history, and he does not think it is arbitrary.

Judge Sullivan stated that authority has been given to sergeants at the jail to release some individuals. Capt. Shane Nelson said the release officer has been helpful in this regard. The officer on the street can make this decision at times, and officers at the jail can do so as well. Then it goes to the court. There are many areas in which people are diverted off, depending on the situation. By the time the decision gets to the judge, there have been a certain number of evaluations done.

Frequently after this process, the attorney can speak up and ask for reduced security. Mr. DeKalb concurred. He asked if someone has pending charges but is given a parole sanction, if they can then work at the jail. Capt. Nelson said normally they have to be sanctioned or sentenced. This population can be 70/30 or even 80/20, with the pretrial the higher number.

Commissioner Baney stated that regardless of the grant, she is pleased if things can be mapped. They are doing this now in the health system with adults and children. She feels that they have lost the community investment with the loss of the Commission on Children & Families and what they did relating to early childhood issues. She would like to know how the current lack of investment is impacting issues. She knows there is higher youth suicide, and there may be other major problems. She would like to see a very strategic investment system-wide rather than focusing on just those that are already in the system.

Mr. Hummel said that law enforcement people are experts in their field, and educators are experts in theirs, but the various groups do not talk enough. There has to be a look far upstream with early education as a base.

Commissioner Baney is sensitive about how those who can help might be able to come up with time to participate. Better Together is working on graduation rates and early childhood issues. Perhaps they can include others in this program, those who are already invested, other than just those in PSCC.

Mr. Hummel stated he would ask for one meeting at which they can talk about how to handle it. If they get the grant, they will get dedicated staff.

Commissioner Baney said she is committed if he wants to champion this issue. Mr. Hummel noted that he is committed even if they don't get the grant.

Marilyn Burwell explained there is a group working on restorative justice, especially in La Pine, getting the child and parents involved as well as the educators and others. She feels it needs to start at least at the high school level but some before then. Mr. Hummel said he has spoken with the person there who is involved in that program.

Mr. DeKalb said that the specialty courts come in after the fact. Prevention is the key. Hard data on crime prevention is difficult to come by, and it is also challenging to show how prevention is working. Commissioner Baney stated that when the CC&F was going after grants, it was hard for them to be able to show hard data in a big way. It takes time for those findings.

Capt. Nelsons stated that they have come a long way, and not everyone can be served the same. The look needs to be more global. They are working on some already. Crime prevention means something a little bit different to everyone. They need to know why crime happens, and the best time to start on this is when people are very young. They know some individuals have chosen this path regardless of the opportunities, and won't do anything else. Others come in once and will never be back. They want to meet the group in the middle and guide them properly.

Judge Sullivan said that some counties monitor folks before they are adjudicated. It seems to be successful for some individuals, with someone making sure they are going to work and staying out of trouble.

Mr. Hales said they had pre-trial officers when he was in Wichita, who had a say on who could be released. Mr. Hummel asked if this helps with a recommendation. Mr. Hales said that some judges put people out purposefully on pre-trial probation just to see how they do. Mr. Hummel stated that they have to decide on whether to have a trial, but a recommendation would help. This would include information on whether the person maintained his or her job, and so on.

Mr. Hales said that a pre-sentence risk assessment is done in some areas. Judge Sullivan noted that if they have options, to see if the person attends programs and keeps their job, they may be able to stay away from open sentencing. This would save money and perhaps allow for a better outcome.

5. Public Safety Legislation

Mr. Hales said they are watching the reform bills and those related to the justice reinvestment program. The State added funds to JRP statewide through the Governor's Office and the co-chair. This is a maintenance budget at best. Mr. Hales feels that this needs to be increased to handle the more complicated things to come.

Capt. Nelson said the Sheriff's Association takes an active role with legislation, but he hopes experts are involved before it gets to that point. It is good to have the OSSA and others overseeing this process. A growing concern from the Sheriff's Office is State mandates that may not have funding attached. The Sheriff's Office is critical of how the State does business and does not like to see new laws that probably won't increase public safety, but are required and cost taxpayers' money. The increased gun sales background check law, SB 941, does not provide for increased public safety and may even cause a lot of people to break the law. There are questions regarding enforcement and they don't see the benefit of many of these proposals.

He does not know if the Sheriff's Office will have increased workload in administration if it passes, but it may mean other work in the field.

Chief Dave Tarbet is worried about the use of body cams and other unfunded mandates. The cost is significant because the cameras would be expensive if they are to be durable enough. Those making proposals do not always tell the whole story all the time, and the public and media see what they want to see.

Most of the time officers are working within the law. There are bills in play that accredited agencies already have in place, including profiling that is not allowed. His staff is commensurate with the racial makeup of the community, as are the number of arrests handled by his agency.

Shelley Smith stated that KIDS Center is part of a network, and they want to keep the funding going for child abuse prevention in various ways. Those funds come from criminal fines and assessments from the Department of Justice. There is HB 2234 that was co-sponsored from this district that looks at the codes for interviewing. It will not adequately fund child abuse prevention efforts across the state. KIDS Center is a medical model and is able to assess in that way because of proper funding. The legislation is important but it will not take care of the funding need.

The justice reinvestment fund comes with a tag about opportunities for nonprofit agencies in the County, and she'd like to be able to apply for those funds if appropriate.

Mr. DeKalb stated that they have discussed the expungement rule, a three-year rules for certain crimes; only twelve states allow this at all. The other issue is the lifetime suspension for a third DUI. A person can apply for a license after ten years. He feels this should be reduced to five years since it is a hardship. There should be adequate funds available for this.

Judge Sullivan said that the public defenders are not adequately funded and this can cripple the system. Mr. DeKalb's is a private firm that contracts to handle indigent persons. They are not a favored entity at the State level, as they prefer consortiums or public defenders. That is not practical here.

Tom Anderson noted that the recreational marijuana rules coming soon are being worked out, and there is a land use side of this. The County is dealing with the medical marijuana piece this month. On the prevention side, some staff is involved in monitoring flavored tobacco and delivery systems, and how that will impact marijuana use.

Judge Sullivan stated that the transition to the Odyssey computer system continues. It will make it easier to transmit information between agencies. It will be an integral transition. He has been through two of these roll-outs and some judges will complain more, but in the long term it works well. It will make a huge difference in processing cases. The learning curve is not easy and will take a while.

Mr. Hummel said that Linn County has shared some issues they had with this program, and have been working out the kinks. He contacted various D.A.'s who have been through this, ten in all, to get feedback.

Judge Randy Miller stated that it will be a time challenge initially, but its effect on justice will help with the time required in court. Judge Sullivan said that the criminal docket will initially be put behind, and they may not be able to have people cited into Court for a couple of weeks.

Commissioner Baney left the meeting at this time.

6. Redmond Community Justice Offices

Mr. Hales referred to the plans for the remodel of the Unger Building in Redmond. It has been utilized by several County departments and for other operations over the years. Adult Parole & Probation and Juvenile have used space there, as well as some employees from Community Development and Justice Court.

The building will basically be brought to a shell so they can configure how to use the space. Community Corrections will have the whole building, with two entrances, one for adults and one for juveniles. Current Parole Officers are scattered in different locations now, and this will be a great improvement. They will have space for group work and other programs. Judge Sullivan feels the separation of Adult from Juvenile groups is important.

7. Other Business

Shelley Smith of KIDS Center spoke about the annual Blue Ribbon Campaign against Child Abuse. She indicated she has posters and other information available.

Being no other business discussed, Judge Sullivan adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Baker

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Recording Secretary

Attachments

- Agenda
- · Sign-in sheets
- · Statement from citizen Marilyn Burwell
- · Unger Building remodel plans

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Tuesday April 7, 2015 - 3:30 PM

Allen Room, Deschutes Services Building, 1300 NW Wall, Bend, OR

Agenda

I Call to Order & Introductions

Chair Sullivan

II August Minutes

Attachment 1

Chair Sullivan

Action: Approve January minutes

III Public Comment

Chair Sullivan

IV DeschutesSafe

John Hummel

Brief Council members on proposal

V Public Safety Legislation

Chair Sullivan

Council members to highlight priority legislation

VI Redmond Community Justice Offices

Ken Hales

Brief Council on temporary locations and facility remodel

Attachment 2

VII Other Business

Judge Sullivan

PSCC Meeting	Tuesday, April 7, 2015
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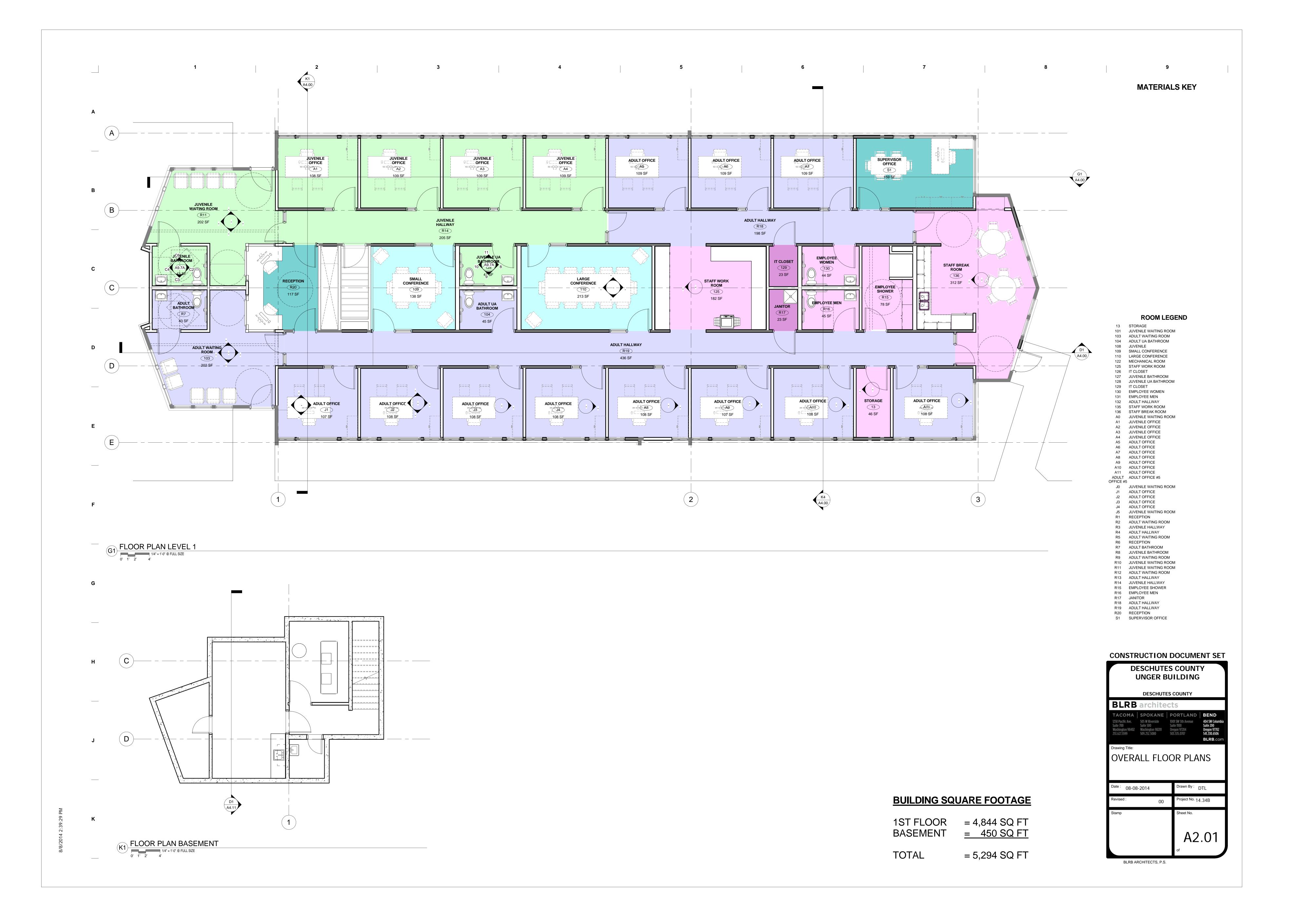
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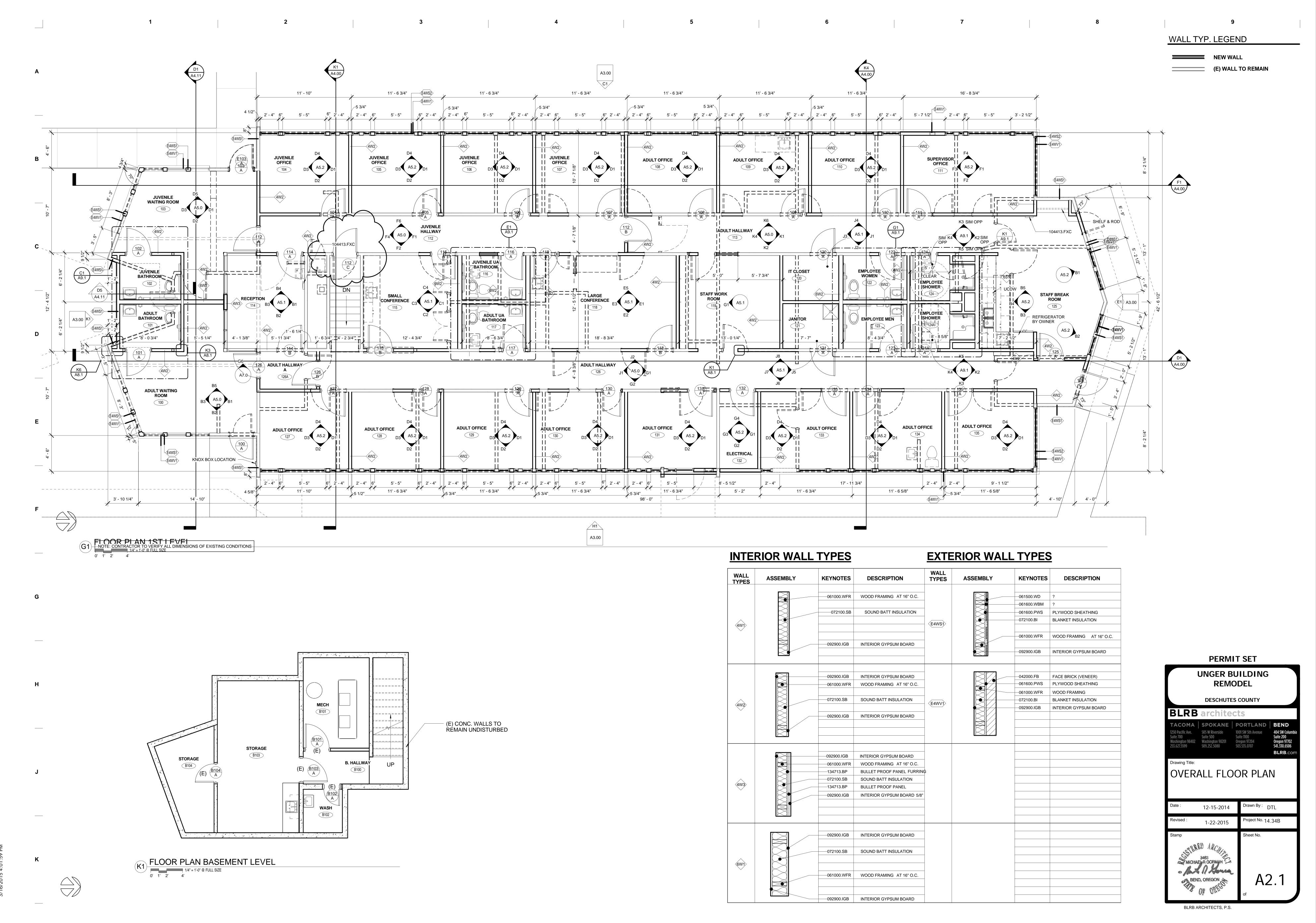
In December the U.S. Dept. of Justice released a guidance for federal law enforcement agencies in essence prohibiting racial profiling. There are also three important bills before the Oregon Legislature concerning racial profiling. Those bills are HB 2001, 2002 and 2003. There are copies of both the guidance and a summary of the three bills here for you to take and read.

Recent events nationally and locally, like the death at the jail and the rude demonstrations at Prineville, mean that local law enforcement needs to improve their relationship with the public. Working on eliminating racial profiling would help, and so would expanding the composition of your advisory boards. There should be greater numbers of both women and minorities on those boards.

Thank you.

Marilyn Burwell, Bend, Oregon





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