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Kewaunee County to Address Public Safety Facility Concerns

KEWAUNEE, WI – Kewaunee County is seeking a professional consultant to conduct a comprehensive study to guide the County towards the best course of action in addressing public safety needs amid concerns that its Safety Building is overcrowded, inefficient and requires significant improvement.

The facility located at 620 Juneau Street, Kewaunee, opened in 1968 with a capacity of 22 inmates and as of 2018, the average daily population is 42 inmates.

As Kewaunee County begins to explore its options, the Kewaunee County Board of Supervisors has taken the first step by approving a Request for Qualifications (RFQ).

“In order to document current needs and project future solutions, it is necessary to engage professional correction facility experts,” says Robert Weidner, Kewaunee County Board of Supervisors Chairman. “The study will assist the board and the public in building consensus when considering any actions that may follow.”

“There will be a vast number of considerations that we will have to consider at each and every decision point, the issue of the community support and awareness is by far one of the most vital,” says Sheriff Matt Joski, Kewaunee County Sheriff’s Department. “Our commitment to you the public is to provide as much information as we can each and every step of the way and to take the time to answer questions and address concerns.”

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The study will be broken into three phases to make an informed decision, which include:

- 1) Needs Assessment Study
- 2) Operational and Architectural Program
- 3) Schematic Design for a New or Improved Public Safety Facility

The RFQ process is scheduled to open sometime in the beginning of September 2018. Once a well-qualified consultant is chosen, the County will begin with phase one, the 'Needs Assessment Study' before making the decision to move on to any other steps.

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