

3 Timetables And The Jail

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Three deadlines faced county supervisors as they continued their ever-lasting search to solve the county's overcrowded jail problem Wednesday.

One deadline was met as the board reached formal agreement to allow Sheriff Al Noren to transport as many as 60 prisoners to San Bruno jail to comply with a U.S. District Court order to cut the jail population to 52 prisoners by July 1.

The jail's population has averaged 100 prisoners over the past couple of months.

The cost will be \$16.01 per prisoner per day held at the San Francisco County facility at San Bruno.

A second deadline was given the board by consulting engineers who reported that if the county decides to renovate the Front Street jail, rather than build a new one, it should hurry things up.

Forell-Elsesser Engineers Inc. reported that preliminary investigation of the jail's condition led them to believe that it could be renovated to meet 1973 Uniform Building Code standards but that it would not be "practicable" to renovate it after revised Uniform Building Code standards are adopted by the state this year.

A third time element is facing the board, as the Citizens Against A New Jail have said they will file a 10,000 or more signature petition to the board to have a renovation study made before a new jail could be built.

Concerning the legality of the petitions, County Counsel Clair Carlson told The Sentinel there is a legal question to be decided.

He said that case law has found that decisions on building local structures such as a jail "are administrative and not legislative decisions."

At Wednesday's meeting, continued from Tuesday primarily to hear revenue sharing applicants, Supervisor Ed Borovatz attempted to commit the board to rehabilitating the jail this year to beat the impending 1976 Building Code Standards with its tighter requirements for earthquake safety.

His motion died for lack of a second.

County Administrative Officer Ted Durkee advised the board that it would have more information by next Tuesday's meeting, but that even then it would not have a completed study.

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In a turn-around from last week, the board indicated it would take a second look at the CAO's recommendation to do "interim renovation" at the Front Street jail, rather than continue busing prisoners to San Bruno.

Cost of the interim renovation, which would make use of the second story of the Front Street, jail was set at more

than \$800,000, including three years' staffing, but even that high price was cheaper by about \$90,000 than busing, Durkee told the board.

His recommendation failed last week as supervisors said it was too costly.

Noren opposes the interim renovation and told the board "It is a waste of the taxpayers' money."

Borovatz and Supervisor Dale Dawson expressed sup-

port for the interim renovation, with Dawson saying, "The board should reconsider its decision, or lack of decision, last week."

He tangled with Chairman Gary Patton, after Patton said that he did not support the interim renovation because he wanted to increase the pre-trial release program.

Dawson heatedly said that Patton's push for more pre-trial release put the board in a

bad light "even when you know it's not within the board's control to release more people."

The board is scheduled to receive further reports on the jail Tuesday.

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