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Memorandum

To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Council Agenda – Discussion of Detox Center IGA and Funding
From: David Reynolds
Date: 09/20/22

The purpose of this agenda item is to discuss the following:

- Status of the Regional Detox Center
- The IGA which is now in final review by attorneys
- Proposed funding implications for New Castle

During regular Council meetings held in March and May of 2022, Council had a chance to hear from project representative Debbie Wilde as well as representatives from Mind Springs Health. During the last discussion, Council requested that staff provide an update as the project and the IGA move forward. As the IGA for this project is expected to be completed in the very near future, and as this project has significant budget implications for the Town, staff is returning this topic to Town Council in order to gain direction from Town Council regarding support for this project.

Attached for your reference, please find copies of past Council minutes and memos related to the Detox Center project.



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Memorandum

To: Mayor Riddile & Town Council
From: Rochelle Firth & Dave Reynolds
Subject: Agenda Item: Detox Center Funding Request
Date: 05/17/22

Purpose:

The purpose of this workshop is to allow Debbie Wilde the opportunity to update Town Council on the work that is being done in preparation for the opening of a regional detox center.

As you may recall, Debbie has been before Council on other occasions to discuss the need for a regional detox center and inform Council on emerging plans for a center in West Glenwood. Early in 2022 Council heard from the Mind Springs Health organization who provided information which demonstrated the need for the facility, the estimated costs for the facility, and the proposed funding sources for the facility. Council also heard from Police Chief Pagni who stated that while his department may not confront a great deal of folks who are candidates to be transported to a detox center, he realizes that the area does have a significant need for a detox center that can work with individuals who are experiencing substance abuse issues.

The proposal for a regional detox center in West Glenwood would involve funding commitments from Carbondale, Glenwood Springs, Garfield County, New Castle, Silt, Rifle, Parachute, Valley View Hospital, and Grand River Hospital. Debbie will be requesting a commitment of \$10,000 for fiscal year 2023.

In addition to funding for 2023, Garfield County has been working on an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) that will be introduced to each partner organization shortly. The purpose of this IGA is to solidify the first five years of operational funding as required by the grant agreement that provided the critical funding for building the facility. The IGA will also act as an agreement which establishes a governing board made up of Council members or managers from each town. The governance board will have oversight responsibilities for Mind Springs Detox Center operations and finances.

**New Castle Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 17, 2022, 7:00 PM**

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Call to Order

Mayor A Riddile called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present	Councilor Mariscal Councilor Carey Councilor Hazelton Mayor A Riddile Councilor Copeland Councilor Leland Councilor G Riddile
Absent	None

Also present at the meeting were Town Administrator Dave Reynolds, Town Clerk Melody Harrison, Town Planner Paul Smith, Town Treasurer Loni Burk, Public Works Director John Wenzel, Town Engineer Jeff Simonson and members of the public.

Meeting Notice

Town Clerk Melody Harrison verified that her office gave notice of the meeting in accordance with Resolution TC 2022-1.

Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest.

Agenda Changes

There were no agenda changes.

Citizen Comments on Items not on the Agenda

There were no citizen comments.

Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 17, 2022

Consultant Reports

Consultant Attorney – arrived at 7:30 p.m.

Consultant Engineer – not present.

Mayor A Riddile asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence for former Council Member Mary Metzger who had passed away.

Items for Consideration

Mayor A Riddile told the guests that the council would go into executive session, but instead of asking everyone to leave, the council will adjourn to the conference room to conduct the executive session.

MOTION: Councilor Leland made a motion at 7:03 p.m. to go into Executive Session for discussion of a personnel matter under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402 (f)(I) regarding an interview of Karen Frye for the Town Treasurer position and not involving: any specific employees who have requested discussion of the matter in open session; any member of this body or any elected official; the appointment of any person to fill an office of this body or of an elected official; or personnel policies that do not require the discussion of matters personal to particular employees. Councilor Carey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The council then adjourned to the conference room to conduct the executive session.

The council returned to the meeting room at 7:31 p.m. Mayor A Riddile thanked the guests for their patience and noted that the council had one housekeeping item to complete before moving on with the agenda, and that was to schedule a special meeting.

After a brief discussion the council agreed to schedule a special meeting the following evening.

MOTION: Councilor Leland made a motion to hold a special meeting on Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 8:00 p.m. Councilor Mariscal seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Update and Funding Request: Mind Springs Health Regional Detox Center

Administrator Reynolds told the council that present was Debbie Wilde who was representing a project that council had heard about previously, the Regional Detox Center. He also introduced Roger Sheffield.

Ms. Wilde greeted the council and said that they had come to council several times before there had been a COVID pause that had delayed the project. She said that she felt the project was one for the community of Garfield County, and now, rather than calling it detox, they were calling it Social Setting Withdrawal Management. Ms. Wilde said that the project was not a Mind Springs project; Mind Springs had been chosen as the operators for the project, so they were doing the operations piece. Ms. Wilde said that it was community stakeholders coming together and determining the services they wanted and who would operate it for them. She said that the other thing that Mind Springs brought to the table was a location, which had been an issue for many years and had held the project

up. Mind Springs had a new building in Glenwood Springs, and the stakeholders decided that was a good location.

Ms. Wilde provided a power point presentation that included data from hospital emergency rooms that indicated how they were being used as detox centers. It showed a six-month period from Valley View Hospital and Grand River Hospital information that indicated they were equally used for detox. Ms. Wilde said that the information included where the patients were from, and the stats included people from the unincorporated county, so inside New Castle and the surrounding county as well. She said that New Castle accounted for approximately 9% of the folks needing assistance.

Ms. Wilde said that the rest of the information in the presentation was data that was necessary to build the program, such as how many beds were needed for male and female, what were their ages, etcetera. She said that another interesting item was that approximately 41% of referrals were from self and friends and family. The referrals from police were a small number, and she said she knew this was something the chief had spoken about. She said that most referrals were from emergency medical services and self. Ms. Wilde said that the other thing they looked at was the homeless population, but that turned out to be a small amount as well, at 8%.

Councilor Copeland asked for an explanation about detoxing: whether someone was there for a few days or a month. Ms. Wilde said that typically people were in for 72 hours which was the time it took for them to be safely sober. What was different about the detox program was that once a person was safe and sober, then they talked about what was going on, what services could be put together for them and how they got there.

Mr. Sheffield said that a therapist, a case manager, and a peer would all be working with the people as they come out and work towards sobriety. He said that day one was just detoxing, Day two was when the three people came in and they began discussions about what services the patient needed to remain sober, what was happening in the family. He said that a peer was someone with limited experience, so it was similar to an AA sponsor, talking about those specific issues. He said another concern was whether there were mental health or trauma issues involved, so they would be connected with a mental health counselor while there in still in detox, so when they leave, there will be a plan of action for them that includes scheduled therapy sessions and group sessions to help them continue to be sober.

Ms. Wilde said that very importantly in the continuum of care, when the patient leaves, they are not on their own trying to figure out how to get to the therapist because that was where things broke down again. She said that someone would be there checking on them. Also, on the front-end, encouraging people who may need help to go to the detox center. She said they knew there were people in AA meetings walking people to the emergency rooms, so peers were already an important part. Ms. Wilde said they saw this as a much larger thing than just getting sober. She also said that it would not be a 30-day stay, it would be less than that, and based on the data they felt that ten beds would be sufficient.

Mr. Sheffield said that if it was needed, Mind Springs operated a men's, up to 90-day facility and a women's, up to 90-day facility, both in Clifton, Colorado. He said that if longer stays were needed, those services were available.

Councilor Carey said that in the information provided there were minors, and she asked if they were separated from the adults. Ms. Wilde said the detox center will not be a facility for minors, and that there were very few included in the data, just two. Councilor Carey asked how minors were handled. Ms. Wilde said that she had worked for Youth Zone for many years, so she paid particular attention to that. She said that if a minor got drunk and ended up in the emergency room, they would be released to their parents or guardian

rather than into a program, so the data was not great on that piece although certainly there were minors who had issues. She said that it was another level of the recovery continuum they were working on. She said that if that number for minors had shown up very high it would have been a cause for concern, but it had not.

Councilor Mariscal said that the data was from 2020 and she asked if there had been any changes in the data since the pandemic was essentially over, because it could be that it was worse in 2020 as compared to current day. Ms. Wilde said they were talking with hospitals recently, and they felt the timing had been great for the data collection because it had been done right before the pandemic and things began to be crazy in the emergency rooms. She said that they did not know if things had gotten worse after the pandemic.

Mr. Sheffield said that Mind Springs has seen an increase because of COVID but that was somewhat leveling off, and they were thinking that it may go back down to what it was pre-pandemic.

Ms. Wilde said that the buildout of the facility and start of operations would be funded by an Office of Behavioral Health grant. She said that their pro-forma was based on a 50% occupancy so that it was a worst-case scenario. She said that New Castle at 9% of emergency room visits, at the beginning of 2023, their ask from the town was \$10k. She said that the total cost of operations for the project was one billion, two hundred thousand dollars (\$1,000,200,000.00). New Castle's contribution was one percent of that. She said that the local stakeholder gap was three percent or \$376,000.00. She said that some organizations had committed to providing additional funds once the project was in operation; the County understood that a lot of the numbers were unincorporated Garfield County; Glenwood Springs was willing to help, and the Rifle council had approved their \$40k. Ms. Wilde said that the last page of her presentation spoke about the governments and that there would be an intergovernmental agreement (IGA), which was being written. Mayor A Riddile asked when the IGA would be available. Ms. Wilde said when the attorney's finish with it, and she thought it would be available in a few weeks.

Administrator Reynolds said that all the county managers had seen a draft of the IGA and had commented on it, but he said he had not seen a corrected draft yet. He said that it will go to the town legal staff before it came to the council again, but basically the IAG was needed as a stipulation for the grant from the state. He said that the grant provided \$700k for the buildout of the facility and to get that grant, they needed backing on the funding for a period of five years. The IGA supported the grant so that the grantor was happy, and funding was secured, and it will create a governance body so that each government body that signed the IGA will have a seat on the governance board.

Administrator Reynolds said they were determining what that governance board's role will be, what they would review and not review and what oversight they will have over operations and budget.

Administrator Reynolds said that what Ms. Wilde was asking for was funding of \$10k for 2023, and beyond that it would be up to the towns what they want to contribute for the remainder of the five-year commitment period.

Ms. Wilde said they understood that municipalities could not commit funds except a year at a time, but they could commit to the program piece of the project. She said it also depended on their billing and it could be that in 2023 they were more graphed financially and hopefully they would need less from the stakeholders. She said they had built their proforma to be as sensible and as easy as possible for all the participants.

Mr. Sheffield added that Mind Springs Health will be looking for other alternative funding sources for the project during the five-years as well. It would not be completely on the cities.

Councilor G Riddile said he thought it was an appropriate project.

Councilor Copeland asked if the financials were intermingled with the Mind Springs corporation and if the town will be able to review financials quarterly.

Ms. Wilde agreed and said programming as well. She further stated that if the council had read the background information she had provided it explained the network, and this was only one piece of it. She said that reviewing things quarterly could be changed if it didn't work.

Mayor A Riddile said that he would be more comfortable reviewing the IGA before the council decided, and if that was in a few weeks, he was okay with it coming back to council. He asked the council how they felt.

Councilor Leland asked that if what they had been reading about Mind Springs recently led to the worst-case scenario, and they were in serious trouble, what would happen to the program.

Ms. Wilde said they would look at that. She said they were not concerned about it or they would not have gotten this far, but if it were the case it is possible they would have to find another operator. She reiterated that the program was not a Mind Springs program, it was a Garfield County program.

Councilor Mariscal said that Silt also had 9%, and their contribution was \$2,000.00 compared to New Castle's \$10,000.00. She said that Parachute was 155 and their contribution was \$2,000.00. Ms. Wilde said that a lot of the people are in an unincorporated part of the county, especially in Parachute. She said that it was not necessarily a fair division of things, but what they looked at was the communities who expressed a need for the project and who have some resources and they tried to balance it out. She said that once they had actual numbers and kept the ongoing data, they could come back to organizations and make that case.

Councilor G Riddile pointed out that Silt, Rifle and Parachute were tax-paying entities into the Grand River Hospital District, and Grand River Hospital will pay a sizeable amount into the program. New Castle did not pay taxes to Grand River Hospital District, so he thought it may be a way to see the equity in the contribution amounts.

Administrator Reynolds said that part of the job of the governance committee was to look at the data and determine how to split the costs best evenly among the towns going forward after 2023.

The council agreed they wanted to see the IGA.

Ms. Wilde said that she sensed that the council supportive of the project and its intent; that the money portion seemed okay, and that the council wanted to see the IGA.

Mayor A Riddile said he wanted to think about it.

Councilor Hazelton said that he felt rushed, and he did not want to feel rushed about anything, but it was a better presentation than the previous one by which he was not impressed. He said that he appreciated the program, but still wanted to think about.

Ms. Wilde apologized that she had a medical procedure and had been unable to attend the previous presentation.

The council thanked Ms. Wilde and Mr. Sheffield.

Consider a Motion to Approve Grants to Outside Agencies



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Memorandum

To: Mayor Riddile & Town Council
From: Dave Reynolds
Subject: Agenda Item: Consider Request for Funding Regional Detox Center
Date: 03/01/22

Purpose:

The purpose of this agenda item is to hear a presentation and consider a request from Mind Springs Health to help fund the *Regional Detox Center* being constructed in Glenwood Springs.

In past meetings Debbie Wilde visited Council and reviewed the idea of a regional detox center that would be operated by Mind Springs Health and made available to municipalities as a new tool for the care and treatment of individuals who are intoxicated or otherwise found to have substance abuse problems. Debbie reported that a facility had been purchased and that funding for renovations was being pursued. Since Debbie's visit, funding has been secured for building renovations and construction which is now planned for the very near future. With a solid project now taking shape, Mind Springs Health is seeking partnership support for ongoing operating expenses from area Municipalities, Hospitals, and other sources.

Staff anticipates the following Mind Springs Representatives will present the project and be available for questions:

- Roger Sheffield – Mind Springs Health
- Hans Lutgring – Mind Springs Health
- Doug Pattison – Mind Springs CFO and acting CEO
- Felicia Romero – Mind Springs Health Program Director
- Michelle Muething – Hope Center

Chief Pagni will be available from staff to answer any questions that Council may have regarding the local need for a Detox Center. By way of reminder, in the fall of 2021 staff reported that the Town would be receiving unexpected funds from a national opioid lawsuit settlement. Because the opioid settlement funds are required to be spent on substance abuse related expenses, Council agreed that a logical use would be to channel the funds toward the Mind Springs Detox Center. Staff is researching the estimated amount to be expected from these funds. We are currently working with information that would lead us to believe the amount to be approximately \$7,000 spread over several years.

**New Castle Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 01, 2022, 7:00 PM**

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Call to Order

Mayor A Riddile called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present	Councilor Mariscal Councilor Owens Councilor Hazelton Mayor A Riddile Councilor Copeland Councilor Leland Councilor G Riddile (virtual)
Absent	None

Also present at the meeting were Town Administrator Dave Reynolds, Town Clerk Melody Harrison, Town Treasurer Loni Burk, Police Chief Tony Pagni and members of the public.

Meeting Notice

Town Clerk Melody Harrison verified that her office gave notice of the meeting in accordance with Resolution TC 2022-1.

Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest.

Agenda Changes

There were no agenda changes.

Citizen Comments on Items not on the Agenda

There were no citizen comments.

Consultant Reports

Consultant Attorney – present for items on the agenda.
Consultant Engineer – not present.

Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Items for Consideration

Consider an Agreement with the US Department of Interior Geological Survey for Installation and Maintenance of a Water Gauging Station

Town Administrator Dave Reynolds told the council that the request from the U.S. Geological Survey was to install a water gauging station at Rollie Gordon Park. Bryan Moore, U.S.G.S. Supervisory Hydrologic Technician. Mr. Moore screen shared a power point presentation that detailed U.S.G.S.'s Next Generation Observing System project which will provide an opportunity to improve regional water prediction in snowmelt dominated systems. The project identified the need for water monitoring or gauging waterflow of Elk Creek as a major tributary of the main stem of the Colorado River. The gauging stations will aid in short and long-term predictions of annual run-off and water supply.

Town Administrator Dave Reynolds said that there was electric available in the planter box in Rollie Gordon Park and if that was acceptable, then there would be no need for the solar panels as shown in the images. Mr. Moore said that would be fine. He also said that there would be no cost to the town for installation or maintenance of the gauging station. Mr. Moore told the council that information gathered by the station would be available online for anyone to review.

MOTION: Mayor A Riddile made a motion to approve the agreement with the US Department of the Interior Geological Survey for Installation and Maintenance of a Water Gauging Station. Councilor Mariscal seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Consider Funding Request from Mind Springs Health for Regional Detox Center

Administrator Reynolds said that Debbie Wilde of Mind Springs Health had come to the council to explain that Mind Springs Health, working with Garfield County and municipal partners, was hoping to open a detox center in a facility they had purchased in Glenwood Springs. He noted that Mind Springs had committed to returning to each municipality to discuss how the facility might be run and what each town may be interested in contributing.

Administrator Reynolds introduced Roger Sheffield of Mind Springs Health.

Mr. Sheffield greeted the council, and offered apologies for Debbie Wilde who was unable to attend the meeting.

Mr. Sheffield said that Mind Springs Health moved into their new facility a year earlier. He said that there is a space on the back of the building slated for the detox facility. He said that a committee had been formed that included the department of human services, members of the county and others to look at the need for a detox center. Mr. Sheffield said that they had been able to secure approximately \$700k for construction costs and initial start-up for the facility. Mr. Sheffield said that they had been working on the annual operational costs of the facility for the next five years which they would share with the council. He said that there was a gap in the various funding sources.

Mr. Sheffield introduced the following Mind Springs staff: Felicia Romero, in charge of Mind Springs 24/7 program for crisis and outpatient. Megan Navarro, who ran the inpatient, 90-day facility which was the Circle Program for men and the Women's

Recovery Center in Clifton, Colorado. Doug Pattison, current interim CEO, and permanent CFO of Mind Springs Health and West Springs Hospital, and he works at the Mind Springs Foundation. Hans Lutgring, Garfield County Program Director.

Mr. Sheffield said that the grant funding would not be paid directly to Mind Springs, rather it will go to the group that oversees the project.

Sharon Longhurst-Pritt, Director of Garfield County Department of Human Services. Director Longhurst-Pritt said that the money was secured through the Office of Behavioral Health and was grant money that would be paid to the County and subsequently to Mind Springs as a sub-contractor for the buildout of the detox center.

Doug Pattison reviewed the proposed layouts of the detox facility on a screen-shared document. In addition, he shared a preliminary five-year pro forma that showed figures for operating costs that came from a number of funding resources. He explained that there was a funding gap that needed to be filled by ten entities: Valley View Hospital, Grand River Hospital, Town of Silt, City of Rifle, Town of Carbondale, Town of Parachute, City of Glenwood Springs, Town of New Castle, and Garfield County. He was uncertain where Parachute fell in the plan, but he said that they were trying to get ten entities to collaborate in filling the operational funding gap. He felt the collaboration would fall under an IGA. Mr. Pattison said he wasn't asking for any money, rather he was hoping for a sense of whether the council understood their vision of the project. Mr. Pattison said that he hoped the council understood how the project might play out on a timeline and that it was something that everyone could commit to, because Mind Springs could not move forward with construction until they had financial commitments to close the funding gap. He shared the proposed amounts that each municipality might be able to pay to fill the gap.

Ms. Felicia Romero and Ms. Megan Navarro gave detailed descriptions of the process by which clients would be admitted to the detox center and the various programs available. Mayor A Riddile said that he felt the detox center project was great and something needed in the area.

Mayor A Riddile asked the New Castle Police Chief Tony Pagni to comment on New Castle's need for a detox facility. Chief Pagni said that his answer was two-fold. First, he said that the people that the department typical made contact with were those involved in criminal activity. At that point, he said the officers will either order an M-1 hold or charge them. He felt that the town may have on or two people per year that would be eligible to go to detox. Second, Chief Pagni said that there had been talk for more than a year about the Recovery Continuum of Care which he felt was important because there were those who were repeat offenders who would get cleaned up, then go back out and cause the same problems and end up back in the system. Chief Pagni said that there was no help for that person, and the Continuum of Care will provide help.

Mind Springs staff provided information about how the detox facility operated in Mesa County, and comparatively, how the facility in Garfield County would operate in regards to patient admittance. Councilor Hazelton said that he had not fully followed the pro-forma, but would like to see some comparisons between Mesa and Garfield counties regarding the amount of funding that small municipalities in Mesa County contributed. Mr. Pattison said that there was not an IGA that governs the detox center in Mesa County.

Administrator Reynolds asked if there was a pro-forma that showed a gap analysis with speculation of what the partner shares would be. Mr. Pattison said that it was the same model he had shared with the council earlier, but that he had hidden the rows so as not to upset anyone over the numbers. Mr. Pattison unhid the rows that showed the best-case

scenario and said that he understood that the towns would be receiving opioid money and he suggested that the towns could contribute their opioid money to the detox facility. The council questioned why the amount for New Castle was so much higher than Rifle or Glenwood Springs. Mr. Pattison said the numbers were a guess, but they had also tried to determine what the amounts of opioid funding each town would receive and they based numbers on that.

Councilor Mariscal said that she was on the Mind Springs website and it showed that there were 142 positions available, and she was concerned how a detox center could be opened or maintained with such a staffing issues.

Ms. Romero said that Mind Springs typically kept detox positions listed on their website all the time, whether the position were available or not so that people interested in getting into the field of detox and recovery always had a chance to apply. She further stated that they were fully staffed in Grand Junction and did not have a problem being fully staffed even though there were positions listed. Ms. Navarro said that she used the same model and although they were also fully staffed, they listed positions which made it look as if there were many positions available. She also said that they liked to grow people in the company and when someone moved up they liked to have the positions available to keep the hiring process going.

Mayor A Riddile thanked Mind Springs for their presentation and said that the council will give it some thought. He said he felt it was a terrific project and something needed in the area. He asked Mr. Sheffield what the timeline was.

Mr. Sheffield said that Glenwood Springs Manager Debra Figueroa was working with her city attorney creating an IGA. He said he thought it might be several weeks before it was ready for review, and at that point they would put the numbers in it.

Mr. Sheffield told the council that he was local and offered that they should reach out to him if there were questions.

Mayor A Riddile thanked Mind Springs for their presentation.

Review and Consideration of a Letter of Intent from the Greater Roaring Fork Valley Housing Coalition Steering Committee

Administrator Reynolds said that there was a group in the valley, Roaring Fork Housing Coalition Committee, that had teamed with another group in the valley which was working on a recovery road map, which was a DOLA grant opportunity that was applied for by the towns of Glenwood Springs to Aspen. Both groups independently identified that housing was an issue in the valley. They came together and asked how they could take a regional approach to housing issues in the valley, leaving nothing out.

Administrator Reynolds said that one of the things the two groups was looking at was forming a non-profit organization for the purpose of directing housing projects from Aspen to Parachute.

Administrator Reynolds said that the American Rescue Act monies will give the state \$450 million dollars to put into housing projects. The group felt that it would be appropriate to for a non-profit because the money from the state is able to go to non-profits as well as municipalities. Administrator Reynolds said they were in the process of forming the non-profit with a board of directors, who will then review what projects were viable between Aspen and Parachute and then determine where there might be opportunity to obtain money from that \$450 million.

Memorandum

To: Mayor and Council
From: Tom Baker, Town Administrator
Date: February 2, 2016
Re: County Detox Task Force Request for Attorney Time

Purpose: The purpose of this item is to ask Council to authorize 2-3 hours of Town Attorney time to work with other municipal attorneys to determine the range of funding options that could be considered for providing sustainable funding for a county detox facility.

Background and Discussion: On Tuesday January 25th, I met as part of the county detox task force. The purpose of this task force is to recommend a detox facility model and ideas for a funding approach to make a detox facility sustainable. This is the second meeting of the group, which includes Garfield County, all municipalities, VVH, Grand River Hospital, GWS Fire, CRFR, Mind Spring and more.

In the past, the funding model has been based on an IGA or funding subject to annual appropriation by the governing body. Over time, it has become clear that this approach is failing to sustain an adequate detox facility. At this point, many task force professionals familiar with the problem believe that 6-Bed Model (annual operating cost estimated to be \$850,000) is the appropriate choice, but the question of funding remains. At the January 25th meeting there was piecemeal information about what type of fees could be levied on liquor license holders, marijuana license holders, municipal court fines, etc. As a result, the group asked if each municipality could ask their attorney to explore the range of legal options for funding.

Request: Staff recommends Council authorize David McConaughy to work with other municipal attorneys (2 to 3 hours) on this question to provide the detox task force with adequate information to move forward.