

## 2016 JAIL BOND AND LEVY FACT SHEET

- 1) Current detention center has a functional capacity of 54 as designed in 1984, 32 years ago. Our recent daily population is above 100 inmates with an additional 30 held in other facilities around the state.
- 2) The vast majority of people held in our detention center are pretrial detainees on felony charges. **They are not convicted offenders.** They are not held for misdemeanor crimes.
- 3) Current jail is unsafe for our detainees and our employees, and for our law enforcement agencies that continue to use the facility. We cannot continue to fit 100+ people in a facility designed for 54. It is a liability.
- 4) Doing nothing is not an option. Arrest decisions and release decisions are already made based on our lack of detention space.
- 5) Current Law Enforcement Center can be renovated to provide approximately 160 beds.
  - a. Renovation costs = \$6.5 million over 15 years (\$6.22 per \$100K home; \$12.44 per \$200K)
  - b. Operations costs = \$4 million in annual operations (\$42.86/ \$100k; \$85.72 per \$200k)
  - c. TOTAL COST PER \$100K=\$49.08 TOTAL \$200k = \$98.14
    - i. **(\$50/PER \$100K HOME VALUE)**
- 6) Proposal funds the debt and operations for limited time (15 years).
- 7) Land will be sold to City for use in their wastewater treatment plant operations. When the County purchased the 40 acres next to the City of Helena Property in 2015, we did so with a plan to sell more than half to the City. The County will sell the land at the exact same cost per acre to the City, and use the funds as part of the contingency funding for the remodel.
- 8) Current proposal invests in diversion programming just like the last proposal. A fully funded Pretrial Services program; mental health, case management and discharge planning; prevention/intervention services; and security have also been built into the operating levy to slow the demand for detention space in the future.
- 9) This proposal is smaller, less expensive, and for a finite period of time (15 years). It provides an increase in jail beds and improves public safety in our community.
- 10) Ballot contains two question; funding for the remodel and funding for the increased operating costs and programming. Both must pass for the proposal to move forward.