

Email sent from Prosecutor Louis Marshall on 10/27/2021, to all Bonner County sitting judges, County Clerk Michael Rosedale and Sheriff Daryl Wheeler

This parcel is not located on what people consider to be fairgrounds property- it is located directly behind the Sheriff's Office. Neither Sheriff Wheeler nor myself were consulted in this in any way and found out by reading the paper. The relevance to the court system is I have advocated for the careful consideration of future use of the property potentially as a justice center with Sheriff's Office expansion to allow prisoners to be able to move back and forward from the jail to the courthouse. The prosecutor's office and PD's office would be in the new facility with the courthouse. That appears to now be off the table. This stings me a bit as I strongly advocated for Bonner County to purchase the "Lewis property", a 22 acre parcel located to the west where the big apartment complex was. This was several years ago and a different Board of Commissioners. I warned the Board at the time that large parcels would soon be non-existent within the city limits and this particular parcel was adjacent to the Sheriff's complex. Our negotiations at the time were between 1.2- 1.7 million, in retrospect would have been quite a steal. That did not work out and instead the Board poured money into the remodel of the courthouse. That of course is water under the bridge.

Again, The BOCC has the legal right to do this and they frankly don't need my permission nor Daryl's, however this does limit the options to fix the inevitable issues with the courthouse and Sheriff's Office facilities. While I certainly love the prospect of an ice rink, I wish there had been some collaboration on the placement on county property.

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