



March 18, 2022

Sheriff Jesse Thomas  
Rice County Sheriff's Office  
128 3<sup>rd</sup> St. NW  
Faribault, MN 55021

Sheriff Thomas,

This letter shall serve as Department of Corrections approval to proceed with the new Rice County Public Safety Center to be located on Rice County parcel 18.19.1.00.002 which has yet to be addressed. The approval granted herein is with the understanding that the Department of Corrections has reviewed the design development plans and specifications dated February 18, 2022, from Klein McCarthy Architects, identified as project 2106. This review indicates that this project appears to meet this agency's requirements with the following modification. The duct work penetration language on security wall and enclosure plan (SW1.1) must include all security wall grades. The approval granted herein is based on the understanding that the requirements of Minnesota Statute 641.22 were met.

Minnesota Statute 641.22 reads as follows:

"After the receipt of the commissioner of correction's advice and suggestions, the board shall procure plans and estimates of the cost of the new jail or repairs and submit the same to the commissioner for suggestions and for approval, so far as relates to the management, operation, and physical condition of the proposed building, and the security, safety, health, treatment, and discipline of persons detained or confined therein. Suggestions and approval shall be in writing and filed with the county auditor before any contract for purchase, lease, erection, or repairs shall be binding, or any warrant is drawn for payment for labor or materials therefor."

The Department of Corrections approval of this project is contingent on documented review and approval by the State of Minnesota Labor and Industry Building Codes Division as required by Minnesota Statute. Any changes in design that affect the safety and security of those persons detained within must be submitted for approval prior to making said changes.

I trust this letter will be of assistance to you as you move forward with the construction of the new Public Safety Center. Feel free to call with any questions you have regarding this letter.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christopher Thoma'.

Christopher Thoma  
Detention Facility Inspector  
Inspection and Enforcement Unit

cc: Rice County File  
Klein McCarthy Architects