

The Monroe County Justice Center referendum is a dead deal for the time being. County Board Chair Rick Irwin says there is just not enough time to draft one before the February 22nd deadline. But he says its not a step back.

Irwin says he is confident the process will remain on track as long as the board is moving forward.

An unofficial show of hands showed 23 supervisors thought something had to be done with the justice center in Sparta, and 20 would consider a downtown site for a new jail and justice center.