

COUNTY FACILITIES COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 22, 1994

Members

Present: Tom Bacote, Chairman
Billy King
John Keefe

Others: Cliff Strassenburg
Cliff Spiller
Brenda Foreman
Marsha Fogle
Bob Stanger
Neil Yarborough
Dan MacMillan & Staff
Marshall Faircloth

1. Discussion: Courthouse Renovations

Mr. Strassenburg reviewed the history of this project, noting that the renovations now under consideration fit in with the overall plan for completion of the fourth floor. However, at this time only a portion will be completed. He said the county would not be wasting money by doing this portion of the fourth floor at this time.

Mr. MacMillan noted that he had reworked some of the plan adding more remountable petitions. He noted there are some areas that will have to have regular walls.

Commissioner King expressed concern that perhaps we are not looking far enough ahead, i.e., how will the space be used in the law enforcement center when the city police department moves out and what will happen to the space if the Sheriff's department moves out. Mr. Strassenburg noted that the Board will have to make some policy decisions concerning the jail and the Sheriff's Department. At this point it is estimated that the city police department will not move out of the law enforcement building for three years. Mr. Strassenburg noted that the Personnel Department, Data Processing Department and Finance Department are currently working on top of each other. He also noted some new positions that were approved by the Board of Commissioners and a need for office space to accommodate these positions.

Commissioner Keefe noted his two complaints are we are not using the space on the fourth floor as efficiently as we could and he believes more movable petitions could be used.

Commissioner King asked about space for the Board of Elections. Mr. MacMillan and Mr. Strassenburg both indicated the Board of Elections needs more space than is available and Mr. Campbell said he would not want to move to the fourth floor.

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MOTION: Commissioner King offered a motion to refer the courthouse renovation plans back to the county commissioners for a decision.
DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND

The Committee discussed authorizing Mr. MacMillan to just put in the walls, carpet, electrical needs, and bathrooms. Mr. Keefe said we could then ask an office supply to send in someone to assess the needs for remountable petitions, etc. Mr. Strassenburg and Mr. MacMillan both urged the committee to have someone to coordinate the whole project. Mr. Strassenburg said that Mr. MacMillan needs to be that person.

The Committee also touched on whether to use the furniture we have or purchase the modular type furniture for the offices. There were some differences of opinion on this matter. Mr. MacMillan noted that perhaps we should use what we have and introduce the modular type equipment when we can.

MOTION: Commissioner Keefe offered a motion to approve the plans using the maximum number of remountable petitions and include alternates A,B,& C in the bid.
SECOND: Commissioner King
VOTE: **FAVOR:** Commissioners Keefe and Bacote
OPPOSED: Commissioner King

Commissioner King said he was still concerned that we had not thought through our long range facility needs.

MEETING ADJOURNED.