

COUNTY FACILITIES COMMITTEE
JULY 20, 1995

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Chairman Billy King
Commissioner Rollin Shaw

OTHERS: Cliff Strassenburg, Co. Mgr.
James Martin, Deputy Co. Mgr.
Cliff Spiller, Asst. Co. Mgr.
Neil Yarborough, Co. Atty
Bob Stanger, County Engineer
Tim Simpson, Asst. County Engineer
Sheriff Earl Butler
Captain Dan Ford
Marsha Fogle, Clerk

Chairman King called the meeting to order.

1. Review/Consideration of Proposed Design Services Contract for the County Detention Center

Bob Stanger, County Engineer, told the Committee that the contract should be approved in phases. Phase I, which includes programming through schematic design will cost \$557,871. This is approximately \$194,000 less than was requested by the Architect. The County will in fact be doing some of the work that the Architect had previously included in his contract amount. The first phase will take about 41 weeks to accomplish. The second phase of work, design development through construction administration will be negotiated upon approval of the Board of Commissioners of the schematic design and establishment of a Fixed Limit of Construction.

MOTION: Commissioner Shaw offered a motion to recommend approval of the contract with Grier-Fripp for Phase I in the amount of \$557,871.

SECOND: Commissioner King

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

At this point Captain Dan Ford reviewed with the Committee Members the population projections for the jail. He projected bed needs for the Year 2012 to be 722. Captain Ford also pointed out that the average length of stay is increasing from 4.5 days in 1978 to a projected 18.89 days for 1997.

In discussing the jail population, it was noted the market is growing for bed space. It was pointed out that a policy decision will need to be made by the Board of Commissioners, fairly soon, about whether or not we wish to take advantage of the market, i.e., rent/lease beds to the federal and state governments and/or other counties. The decision would obviously affect the size of the detention center that will be built and well as programming, etc.

James Martin, Deputy County Manager, told the Board that Fibrebond Corporation is inviting county officials to fly to Tuscaloosa, AL to see a facility under construction and then to Shreveport, LA to tour the Fibrebond headquarters and manufacturing facility. He can take a maximum of 8 people on the plane. This trip is planned for September 7-8, 1995.

2. Update - Other Projects

1. Courthouse Renovations - They are moving forward. The Architect is interviewing the departments that will be affected by the move. The project should go to bid in the Spring of 1996.

2. Social Services Building - Programming is underway and a couple of trips have been scheduled to see some buildings.

3. Coliseum Project - The site fence is up and the Construction Manager is on site. A total of five contracts have been let at this time.

4. Old Armory - Some environmental issues are being addressed and some electrical changes will need to be made.

5. Water/Sewer Projects - There is currently \$500,000 in the Water/Sewer Fund. The Board of Commissioners will be asked to do some prioritizing on the requests we have had.

6. Energy - Mr. Strassenburg said he had been approached by a firm that would like to enter into a contract with the county to help reduce our energy consumption and cost. He will be bringing further information to the Facilities Committee at a later meeting.

7. SM&E has been asked to look at the site for the Northern Regional Branch of the Library to evaluate any environmental problems.

8. Group Home - Mental Health: Moving slow, because of some much construction work; small jobs are becoming more difficult to let.

The Committee briefly discussed the DARE Program. No recommendations made; however, the Manager indicated he would agenda some discussion about this at our next Commissioners' meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED