

COUNTY FACILITIES COMMITTEE
MAY 2, 1995, 7:30AM

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Commissioner Rollin Shaw
Commissioner Marshall Faircloth
OTHERS: Cliff Strassenburg, County Manager
James Martin, Deputy County Manager
Cliff Spiller, Asst. County Manager
Bob Stanger, County Engineer
Marsha Fogle, Clerk

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. Update: Courthouse Renovations

Dan MacMillan, Architect, reviewed the cost estimates for the courthouse renovations. Projected cost to complete the fourth floor and make renovations on other floors is \$2,315,939. Mr. MacMillan told the Committee that the renovations will have to be done in phases, i.e., complete space on the fourth floor so the county finance department can move down, then address renovations to the fifth floor for data processing and administration. He noted the importance of completely finishing the fourth floor, citing the logistics of putting elevators in place and it would be more cost effective. He estimated it would take about a year to complete construction. He said he believed we would be ready to go to bid in four months.

MOTION: Commissioner Shaw offered a motion that the Facilities Committee recommend moving forward with renovations.
SECOND: Commissioner Faircloth
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

2. Discussion: Jail Architects Contracts

Mr. Stanger, County Engineer, noted that in conversations with the architects and people that will be involved with the project there are some different concepts about what the project should be. He recommended that prior to negotiating a contract with the architects, it would be good to have a "mission workshop" for all participants, i.e., commissioners, sheriff's department personnel, criminal justice people, consultants, etc. to iron out exactly what it is we want in a county detention facility. Grier-Fripp Architects has offered to facilitate this workshop for a lump sum of \$10,600. Mr. Stanger noted the importance of being very clear about what we want in this facility from the very start, as opposed to making changes along the way, which in fact would add more cost to the project. Mr. Strassenburg, County Manager, noted that it is still unclear as to where we want to site this project. James Martin, Deputy County Manager, noted the importance of questions being provided by the Architect to the people who will be participating in this workshop. This will ensure the Architect will receive the information they need for the project and will give the participants an opportunity to think about the key issues that need to be addressed. These questions will go to all those participants prior to the workshop.

Following some discussion, the Committee selected the date of May 24 for the workshop.

MOTION: Commissioner Faircloth a motion that the Committee endorse this workshop.
SECOND: Commissioner Shaw
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

3. Discussion: Smoking Court for the Courthouse (this item referred to the Committee by the Board of County Commissioners)

Mr. Strassenburg, County Manager, said the smoking court could be built adjacent to the Snack Shop. He said it is his view it should have a roof and a masonry wall, however; it should be open-air. He noted access would be through the Snack Shop.

It was suggested by Mr. Stanger that perhaps this project could be something Dan MacMillan could look at and provide some suggestions. The Committee decided it would be cost effective and desirable to ask Mr. MacMillan to do it as part of his Courthouse Renovations. Staff is to ask the Attorney's Office how this structure would affect our Smoking Ordinance and if it would trigger in any way the County having to conform to the State Adopted Ordinance.

4. Update: Other Projects

Social Services Building

Mr. Stanger noted they are moving forward with asbestos removal at the old Coca Cola bottling company as a result of the Commissioners awarding the bid at Monday's meeting. It was suggested by Mr. Strassenburg that the County entertain the idea of incorporating our Jobs Training Office into the new Social Services building since they deal basically with the same clients.

Mental Health Group Home

Mr. Stanger noted the project is a little behind schedule because of some water problems.

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Mr. Stanger said the Board of Commissioners will take a look at the final model of the facility at the May 15 Commissioners' meeting.

National Guard Armory

The new Armory will be ready for occupancy some time this month and the old facility will then belong to the County. The following utilization plan has been developed:

1. The Sheriff's Department will use the facility for "shift change." This will alleviate some traffic congestion in the courthouse parking lot.

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2. The Sheriff's Department will use the facility for the storage of evidence and confiscated vehicles.
3. The Narcotics Department will move to this building.
4. The Sheriff's Department will also utilize the building to store weapons, ammunition, etc.
5. The County will use the facility to store county surplus vehicles as well as some of the equipment we have on the fourth floor of the courthouse.
6. We can also hold our auctions of county surplus property at this site.

Mr. Strassenburg noted this building would be totally secure as there would be around the clock presence of law enforcement officials.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:45AM