

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 1, 1991, 2:15 PM, ROOM 564

Present

Commissioner Johnnie Evans
Commissioner Tom Bacote
Commissioner Sherrell Riddle
Chairman Rollin Shaw

Staff

Cliff Strassenburg
John Nalepa
G. B. Johnson
Juanita Pilgrim
Paula Bass
Mary Ann Dolister

Press

Committee Chairman Johnnie Evans called the meeting to order and Mr. Strassenburg reviewed the proposals for the financing of the 4th floor courthouse renovation project. Looking at qualifications for individual businesses, which can be conducted in executive session, Commissioner Riddle offered a motion to go into executive session and Commissioner Bacote seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The proposals were sent to the same mailing list as used for the hospital bond issue and we received six responses which were all different, having major variances, making them difficult to compare.

Discussion was held on this being an installment purchase and not a bond issue and that banks won't commit to an interest rate. Also must look at total debt service and decided that five years would probably be best. It was the consensus of the commissioners to agree with five years and that we should tell the institutions that we want it on five years and that it must be submitted in the same format. We do have time to do this. The consensus is to just borrow 1.3 million - private placement. Want to borrow it two or three months from now and they will not project rate.

Discussion on why we need bond counsel if we do a bank loan and that this cost would probably be around \$5,000 for a straight deal.

The conclusion is that what we have now is not going to help to select and that we should ask the LGC for assistance - ask LGC how we should structure this proposal. Then just pass on the information to the committee members - no need for a meeting. Commissioner Riddle offered a motion to go back into regular session.

Adjourned 3:10 p.m.