

PROPERTY AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE

October 30, 2007

The special meeting of the Property and Insurance Committee was called to order by Chair John Brennan on October 30, 2007 at 4:30 PM in the County Boardroom, Green Lake County, Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met.

Present: John Brennan
Orrin Helmer
Gene Thom
Gus Mueller
Mike Stoddard

Also Present:

Marge Bostelmann, County Clerk
Mark Podoll – Sheriff
Kurt Berner, Samuel's Group

AGENDA

Motion/second(Stoddard/Mueller) to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Art Hartwig – Stated reasons why he and other County taxpayers are opposed to the current proposal to build the jail, courts, sheriff's office and HHS building on the County A site and remodel the downtown site for the other County offices.

LONG RANGE PLAN

Discussion and action with Samuel's Group re: services to determine construction costs to build a new Justice Center, to include 100 bed jail and Health and Human Service building on County A location, and to remodel the downtown location to accommodate the Government Services

Departments: Kurt Berner appeared to discuss the proposed project. Berner is requesting clarification of the square footage for the project. The footage to be used for this project is what was determined by the County Committees as presented to the County Board on August 21, 2007 with the reduction of the jail size to 100 beds. Berner questioned the size of the Health and Human Services building because the size indicated by the HHS Board increased from the space projected by Potter Lawson. Berner will meet with Van Ness to clarify the square footage.

Berner asked if it was correct that the downtown site will be the old historic courthouse with minimal remodeling and with ADA accommodations plus a cost of razing the safety building and the annex if the space is not needed. This was confirmed by the Committee.

Bostelmann pointed out that the IT department and the maintenance department is not specifically mentioned at either site. Discussion was held. The IT department will have more computers and programming needs at the County A site. The maintenance area will also be considered at the County A site.

Discussion was held on the efficiencies of roof top heating and air conditioning versus in the building.

Roof top construction is cheaper to build, but more costly to run. Berner will look into the differences in cost of installation and running.

Brennan asked how the cost can change if the square footage is not reduced. Berner gave examples of re-looking at the project and efficiencies of using the old courthouse for some offices.

Berner will have a report for the Property and Insurance Committee on December 4th.

Brennan asked how the cost can be figured now and also project for future costs. Berner explained that the all cost projections have contingencies build in. Berner stated that he will provide a budget for furnishings and it will be the responsibility of the County to monitor departmental spending. The projected cost will include the architect and construction manager fees. The Committee does not want to see a building that is so cheap that the taxpayers will be paying to correct problems in the future.

Discussion and action on Future Lang Range Plan – No additional discussion.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION


Helmer talked with Jack Sanderson, WCA Board of Director about the Milwaukee Sentinel article on the “Frankenstein veto”. He asked if Green Lake County was happy with the way the veto of the tax freeze was done by the governor. Helmer stated that the County levy was set by the Finance Committee at 2.8% which is higher than the freeze passed by the legislators, so the veto was an advantage to the County.

Helmer also stated that Sanderson would like to come to a County Board meeting to make a presentation on the Wisconsin Way. Helmer explained the Wisconsin Way to the Committee. Discussion was held.

Helmer was invited to and attended a Big Green Lake Fishing Committee meeting at the fish rearing ponds. He stated that \$30,000 has been invested into the facilities this year. He also explained that the carp appear to be declining in Big Green Lake and that because of the VHS disease no walleye fry will be put into the Lake for the next 3 years.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second(Stoddard/Mueller) to adjourn at 5:35 PM. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Marge Bostelmann
County Clerk