

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING

JULY 10, 2006 – 3:30 P.M.

Present: Chairman M. Johnson; Supervisors Grattidge, Hunter, Janik, Richardson, and Thompson; David Wickerham, County Administrator; Joe Ritchey, Director of Public Works; Rick Gardner, Public Works; Press.

Chairman M. Johnson called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

On a motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Richardson the minutes of the May 8, 2006 meeting were approved unanimously.

A handout was distributed to all committee members outlining the options for additional county office space.

Mrs. Johnson said the project started back in May of 2005. An AD HOC committee was set up to study the building problems. In June a resolution was passed to appropriate \$50,000 to do an RFP for an architect or engineer to study the building expansion.

In September, the AD HOC committee approved the selection of Woodward, Connor Gillies, Seleman Architects of Williamsburg, Virginia to do the \$50,000 study. The committee also requested the architects put together a proposal to analyze space requirements for Public Health and Mental Health.

In October a resolution was passed to execute additional services to the architects at a cost of \$9,800.

In February there was a meeting and the architects gave an update on the project. The costs that were given for the water repairs to the courtyard were \$1,174,850 and the structural damage to the buildings was \$199,270.

In March the architects presented two plans for building an expansion. One was referred to as scheme A at \$15,422,056 and Scheme B at \$11,306,687. Both included the costs to repair the water damage in the courtyard and the structural repairs.

On March 29th the committee toured the Public Health, Mental Health and Friendship House facilities and met with both Director Endres and Director Angstadt.

In April the final architect's report came in and the Mental Health and Public Health space needs were also distributed. Concerns were expressed that the plans did not go far enough out into the future. They were only projected for five years, she said.

In April SEDC was contacted for possible building locations or vacant land available in the vicinity of Saratoga Hospital. Three locations were received from SEDC along with two developers who have parcels available for development.

In May the committee held a workshop with Mr. Ritchey going over the structural damage and design problems of the courtyard. At that time there was a tour of the court Building as well.

On May 5th a report was received from Mrs. Marchione with a records analysis of the county.

On May 8th a resolution was passed to go into an additional agreement with the architects to complete the design phase of the court yard reconstruction and prepare the bid documents at a cost not to exceed \$120,000. The total project cost estimate is \$1.4 million and the budgeted amount is \$1 million.

In May, the County Administrator sent a letter to Saratoga Hospital requesting what the costs would be if they were to take over the out patient Mental Health services. A letter was received back, stating they would examine the feasibility of that request.

Mrs. Johnson said, today we are here with an options list for Public Health, Mental Health, Court Facilities, Record Storage, and other building space needs. A final report needs to be prepared by August in order to be in time for the 2007 budget phase.

Mrs. Johnson reviewed the options list with the committee and asked the members to prioritize.

Mr. Thompson suggested looking into the Grand Union property on route 50 in the Town of Milton for additional land for buildings, possibly for Public Health and Mental Health.

The following is a list of priorities the committee decided on:

1. Looking into the Grand Union on route 50 for land for additional buildings.
2. Court House
3. Records Storage
4. Buildings Relocation

On a motion made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Thompson the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Sansom