

## Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting

September 9/10/07 – 3:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman M. Johnson; Supervisors Connors, Gutheil, Hunter, Lucia, Raymond, Thompson and Yepsen; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Joseph Ritchey, DPW; Paul Lent, Emergency Services; Sam St. John, St. John Architects; Tom Speciale, DPW; Press.

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

**On a motion made by Mr. Connors, seconded by Mr. Lucia the minutes of August 13<sup>th</sup>, August 21<sup>st</sup> and September 4<sup>th</sup> 2007 were approved with the following amendments that were made by Mr. Gutheil. Unanimous.**

Mr. Gutheil asked for clarification on the August 13<sup>th</sup> minutes by adding the following: The land that remains available is approximately 12.2 **billable** acres.

Mr. Gutheil stated that he voted “No” on the following resolution on August 13<sup>th</sup> that read as follows:

To move the proposal from its current state to the design stage and to provide the details of the presentation of today and the recommendations of this committee to the committee on capital plans for consideration in the 2008 budget.

**Mr. Gutheil explained that his descending vote was because of concerns about the cost of the process and whether there should have been a second opinion.**

Mr. Gutheil stated that he voted “No” on the following resolution on August 13<sup>th</sup> to approve the Capital Plan submittals as follows:

Animal Shelter \$500,000  
Public Safety Building - \$1,000,000  
DA’s and Treasurer’s offices relocation \$320,000

**Mr. Gutheil asked for clarification as to whether the committee was approving contracts to do the design phase or is the money only being put into the budget for that?**

Mrs. Johnson said the money is only being put into the budget.

**Mr. Gutheil asked for the following paragraph in the August 21<sup>st</sup> minutes to be corrected as follows:**

Mr. Ritchey said there was a concrete structural **deck, defective finish** that was not expected and will not meet the conditions to have the warranty of a membrane placed on it in the reconstruction of the County Courtyard.

Mr. Gutheil said that he voted “No” on the following resolution:

Recommending a change order committee be appointed by the Buildings and Grounds Committee chairman and that the sub committee have authorization to spend up to \$250,000 towards the repairs necessary for the floors ceiling of the courtyard and to proceed with the project.

**Mr. Gutheil said his reason for his descending vote was “I don’t think that responsibility should be put upon three people when generally the majority of the subcommittee would be two people”.**

Mr. Ritchey said building one (Supervisor’s Building) was part of the 2007 capital plan, originally having \$135,000 budgeted to put the main portion of the roof on. Last April the committee directed Public Works to include building three (the courthouse) and also to eliminate three skylights. At that time an additional \$237,200 was appropriated to meet the estimate that was supplied by the architect, which was \$350,000 for both roofs. The cost is substantially over that. Discussions for alternatives have taken place with St. John Architects, the architects for the two projects. After some research it was estimated that there would be a 10% increase over the current price if the project were delayed until spring. It is the recommendation of Mr. St. John that the committee move forward with the current price at this time.

Mr. Ritchey said there were four bids received ranging from \$516,700 to a low bid of \$429,500. The budget shortfall is \$79,500.

Mr. Gutheil said the increase would be 23% over the current price. Mr. Ritchey said the 10% would be an increase from this year to next year, in essence, 23% over the estimate.

Mr. Connors asked what the estimated time would be to complete the project?

Mr. Ritchey said he was hopeful, by the end of the year.

Mr. Gutheil asked, “how long would it take to re-bid, and how far would it set us back”? Mr. Ritchey said it would set the project back approximately four weeks.

**A motion was made by Mr. Lucia, seconded by Mr. Connors to approve a resolution to authorize the Chairman to enter into a contract with Mid-State Industries, Ltd. in the amount of \$429,500, and to amend the budget in the amount of \$79,500, to be taken from contingency and entered into account #1-50-000-7093. Unanimous.**

Mrs. Johnson she would contact all supervisors with a specific date for a budget workshop to be held the last week in September.

Mr. Thompson said the Milton Fire Department is looking to put an addition on to the firehouse. He is requesting the Town of Milton be able to obtain Airport property around the firehouse.

**A motion was made by Mr. Connors, seconded by Ms. Raymond subject to the approval of the FAA and the County Attorney, to convey a parcel of land, as requested by Mr. Thompson, from Saratoga County to the Town of Milton. Unanimous.**

**On a motion made by Mr. Lucia, seconded by Mr. Hunter the meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Sansom