

## Buildings and Grounds Committee Minutes

July 12, 2010 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Thompson; Supervisors M. Johnson, Raymond, Rowland, Wormuth, Wood, and Southworth; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Ed Tremblay, Paul Lent, Emergency Services; John Warobick, John Martin, Jon Norris, Clark Patterson Lee; Rick Gardner, Joe Ritchey, Public Works; John Murray, County Auditor; James Clark, 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial Dist. Admin. Office; John Bishop, Bishop Beaudry Construction; Rick Campagnola, CT Male; Dan Butler, Animal Shelter; Stephen Dorsey, County Attorney; Press.

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

**On a motion made by Mrs. Wormuth, seconded by Mr. Rowland the minutes of the July 12, 2010 meeting were approved unanimously.**

Mr. Campagnola said that presently the Animal Shelter project is approximately \$300,000 under budget going into the last phase of stage two. There are four phases of the project, with phase two the main building and the last two site work phases that are scheduled to be done in late fall.

Mrs. Wormuth said some of the change orders that will take place have to do with a dispute between one prime contractor and a subcontractor who worked on site and damaged some materials that were there. There will be no change, dollar wise, to the county; however, when money is moved from one contractor to another it will exceed the 10% change order, and will need to go to the full board for a resolution.

Another change that will be anticipated is the additional work that has been awarded as a change order that is being paid out of the Animal Shelter Trust Fund account. This will put the total over the 10% of what the original contract was. Therefore, it will require a motion from the committee and also approval by the full Board.

Based on the timing of the project and where it currently stands, Mrs. Wormuth requested that a notice be sent out today in order to have this on the Agenda for the Special Meeting that the Board has on Wednesday and not wait for the regular Board meeting.

**A motion was made by Ms. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Rowland to approve a change order for the Animal Shelter and forward it on to the full Board of Supervisors for consideration at the July 14, 2010 meeting. Unanimous.**

Mr. Lent said Emergency Services received a grant to enhance some of the fire training activities that are done in the county. One of the things that has been installed is a new pump at the pond at the fire training center that replaced one that was well used. As part

of that, it is an electric pump, not diesel as in the past; therefore, three-phase power will have to be administered to the pump located by the Animal Shelter. National Grid has requested that anytime they do any extensions that they get an underlying easement for the extension.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Rowland to approve a resolution granting a utility easement extension to National Grid at the County Fire Training Center to provide power to the pump house. Unanimous.**

Mr. Warobick, from Clark Patterson Lee gave a brief overview and power point presentation of the proposed conceptual design for the County Court Building #3. He stated the estimated total cost would be \$2.4 million with a projected 22.5-month completion.

Mr. Thompson said there have been problems at the County Airport with the runway taxi lights and he said that Public Works was looking for repair parts. Mr. Gardner said they require a special relay.

Mr. Thompson said he has reached out to other airports and has found that there are reflectors that can be used to replace the runway taxi lights representing a reduction in costs.

Mr. Thompson asked if someone was working on the airport business plan? Mr. Speziale said the contracts have not actually been awarded to the consultants yet, therefore work has not actually begun.

Mr. Rowland asked if there was a plan being created? Mr. Speziale said there would be a plan created specifically for Saratoga County airport, but it has not begun yet.

Mr. Thompson asked if it was a stamped plan of all airports or just Saratoga County airport? Mr. Speziale said it would be a report specifically for Saratoga County airport.

Ms. Raymond asked who determines the consultant? Mr. Speziale said, DOT.

Mr. Rowland asked when that would occur? Mr. Speziale said in the next month or two; however, the county is under no obligation to follow their recommendations.

Mr. Thompson asked for an update on the tree removal at the airport. Mr. Ritchey said the loggers have moved away from the proximity of some of the neighbors. Currently they are working on cleaning up the corner area. They will have to wait for the permit process before they can begin stumping.

Mrs. Johnson asked for an update on the Friendship House. Mr. Gardner said the lease would run out by the end of the year. We will be presenting what their financial requests are going to be by the end of this week, he said.

Ms. Raymond said she would like to have time to look at alternatives. Within the neighborhood there are other buildings with space, she said.

Mr. Thompson requested that Mr. Ritchey report back to the committee on the square footage of an alternative building.

**On a motion made by Ms. Raymond, seconded by Mrs. Wormuth the meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Sansom