

Open meeting law complied with. Quorum verified.

Call to order:

The Building Design Committee meeting was called to order at 11:00 A.M. at the Vilas County Courthouse conference rooms by Chairman Sig Hjemvick with the following committee members present: Emil Bakka, Ron De Bruyne, Bob Egan, and Kathleen Rushlow. Other persons present at various times during this meeting: Paul Brummund, Kurt Berner, Jim Bollmann, Joe Laux, Charles Rayala, Jim Behling, Linda Thorpe, Chris Kamps, Gene Leveille, Laurel Carlson, Ken Anderson and David Alleman.

Approve agenda to be discussed in any order by the Chair:

Motion by R. De Bruyne, 2nd by B. Egan to approve the agenda with the agenda order at the Chair's discretion. All voted aye. Carried.

Approve minutes of the July 20, 2010 meeting:

Motion by R. De Bruyne, 2nd by B. Egan to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2010 meeting. All voted aye. Carried.

Discuss and act on zoning, architectural, engineering feasibility and cost issues re:

a. Proposed Courthouse addition:

b. Surgipath building:

K. Berner presented 3 estimated building cost options to the committee:

Option A was a revised Courthouse addition at a cost of \$8.2 million without alternates.

Option B was for purchase and renovation of the Surgipath building at a cost of \$7.4 million without alternates.

Option C was for construction of the existing proposed Courthouse addition building, on an existing site apart from the Courthouse campus, at a cost of \$7.8 million without alternates.

The committee discussed the pros and cons of all three options. S. Hjemvick brought up the subject of additional staff costs for security at offsite locations, and the added costs of taking additional City or Township properties off of the tax rolls. P. Brummund stated that their planning called for 47 staff members to be housed in the addition, not including I.T., security nor maintenance staff. J. Laux mentioned that the County could locate in the City's business park, as vacant land there is already off of the tax rolls. C. Rayala stated his opinion that Option A, building onsite, was the only cost effective way to proceed. He feels that increased staffing costs and the loss of tax revenues to the City and school will be prohibitive if added up over time. K. Berner also presented five additional alternates to Option A. Only three should be considered: Boiler Upgrade & Replacement, Maintenance Garage and Temperature Control Upgrades. K. Rushlow wants the issue of POD use and access brought to the Public Property Committee. K. Berner will present Options A, B and C along with alternates to the County Board on August 17, 2010. C. Rayala would like the plan presented to the Board on the 17th; then a special County Board meeting should be held on August 31, 2010 to discuss and act only on the building and on financing. S. Hjemvick asked if a purchase price for the Surgipath building had been given to the County. J. Behling felt that the County would need to contact the owner directly, but added that \$1 million had been mentioned by the owner's representative. **Motion by B. Egan, 2nd by K. Rushlow to have The Samuels Group**

present Options A, B and C including alternates to the August 17, 2010 full County Board meeting for discussion only. All voted aye. Carried.

Motion by E. Bakka, 2nd by K. Rushlow to hold a special full County Board meeting on Tuesday, August 31, 2010 for the sole purpose of discussing and possibly acting upon the proposed building addition and financing. All voted aye. Carried.

K. Berner will also work up estimated staffing cost comparisons for the options to be presented.

City of Eagle River:

a. Letter from City Administrator:

J. Laux summarized specific points of his recent letter to S. Hjemvick. Copies were previously distributed to the committee members. He believes that the proposed Courthouse addition, if built on current location, is deficient in parking stalls and green space, as required by the current Business Residential zoning district. He believes that a Government zoning district would provide more flexibility to the County with parking and green space issues.

P. Brummund presented an amended site plan that allows the County 22 additional parking spaces on Court Street, by using angle parking on the north side of the street.

Discuss and act on soil boring and foundation issues:

K. Berner presented a preliminary report covering the additional soil borings. Results indicate that acceptable soils are reached in the 52 to 75 foot level. Foundation costs may have to be revised upward around \$150,000 to include installation of geo-piers. The existing foundation design could then be utilized. The basement alternate is not acceptable due to high groundwater levels.

Financial issues:

K. Rushlow stated that financing options continued to be investigated.

Letters and Communications:

C. Rayala spoke about future ADRC / Family Care issues that he believes may reduce the need for County employment. He also spoke about expected future losses of State shared revenues and grant funding.

Set next meeting date and time:

The next regular meeting was set for Monday, August 23, 2010 at 9:00 AM.

Adjournment:

Motion by B. Egan, 2nd by E. Bakka to adjourn. All voted aye. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:31 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

David R. Alleman

Vilas County Clerk.