

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SUBCOMMITTEE ON WISCONSIN RAPIDS ANNEX, RIVER BLOCK BUILDING, AND RELOCATION OF COURTHOUSE DEPARTMENTS Friday, June 30th, 2017; 10:00am Wood County Courthouse, Room 114

Members present: Bill Clendenning, Doug Machon, Al Breu

Members excused: Donna Rozar, Ed Wagner

Others present: Reuben Van Tassel, Ken Curry, Amy Kaup, Kathy Alft, Steve Kreuser, Joe Bachman, Chelsey Mazurek, Sonia Hanneman, Michelle Goodwin, Judy Fajnor, Fritz Schubert, Susan Feith, Bill Leichtnam, Chad Schooley, Angela Breunig, Dan Smith, Terry Stelzer, Lance Pliml, Peter Kastenholz, Steve Budnik, Joseph Zurfluh, Brent Vruwink, Ed Moreno, Greg Potter, Eren Feith, Lori Heideman, Dennis Polach

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00am.

2. Public comments-

Bill Leichtnam stated that he would like to speak on item 5b later in the meeting.

3. Review/approve minutes of previous meeting.

Motion made by Al Breu to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Doug Machon. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Courthouse remodeling/space needs- Bill Clendenning commented that he spoke with Emergency Management about temporarily moving their office quarters to the 3rd floor. Steve Kreuser explained that office conditions have gotten worse, and that staff are consistently getting sick. There is also a concern with client privacy with their current office space. Judge Potter asked how much space they need, and then suggested temporarily using the reserve space by the courtroom. Bill asked Reuben if that would be doable. This could be a permanent solution. Doug Machon asked for clarification on the situation and Steve Kreuser and Reuben Van Tassel gave an overview of the concerns and the moisture problems. After hearing the overview there was a consensus of the committee to allow Emergency Management to temporarily move to the space on the third floor.

5. River Block project update

a. Parking/pedestrian safety- Bill Clendenning stated that at the last meeting, he appointed a subcommittee of the subcommittee to review the parking situation downtown. Bill encouraged people to contact their alderperson for that city block, Joe Zurfluh Jr. and Hilde Henkel, the County Board representative for that area. Michelle Goodman, from Party Time Cakes spoke with Mayor Vruwink yesterday. According to Michelle, he stated that when he purchased that 15 years ago, he was under the assumption that there was a 99 year lease in place for that first row. He said that Gary from Gary's Coins should have that contract. Michelle contacted Gary to

get a copy of that contract. There were no other comments about the parking lot. Bill Clendenning asked Terry Stelzer to look into yellow pedestrian signs. Terry will speak to the City of Wisconsin Rapids about this.

- b. Potential auditorium-** Bill Leichtnam spoke in favor of the auditorium. The surplus furniture items in room 206a in the Riverblock building could be moved to the 12th Street location. Reuben stated that Human Services needs to have that location secure, if they items do get moved to that location. Bill Clendenning asked Reuben what the cost would be for the auditorium. Reuben responded that the sound system from the old auditorium could mostly be reused. The main expense would come from new tables and chairs. To get started, the surplus furniture, like the tables and chairs, in the hallway could be used, although this wouldn't be sufficient for a large audience or classroom setting.
- c. Surplus furniture** – this item was discussed in item 5a above.
- d. Overage on moving expenses-** Bill Clendenning talked to Peter Kastenholz about this. He stated that if the county received an estimate for \$7,000, and was billed \$10,000, that the county will most likely have to pay the difference. Kathy Alft asked which budget the difference would come out of. Bill Clendenning responded that the department director will have to take that to the committee to decide.

6. The next meeting date location and time is to be announced.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 10:32am.

Respectfully submitted,

_____, William Clendenning, Chairman
Minutes by Katie Tomsyck, UW-Extension
Reviewed for submittal to County Board on _____