

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE MINUTES

County Facilities

Tuesday, August 5, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.

Lyle Shields Meeting Room, Brookens

MEMBERS PRESENT: Beckett, Bensyl, Betz, Cowart,
James, Jay, Richards, Sapp, Weibel

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Denny Inman, Julia Rietz,
Lt. Mills, Mark Shelden, Tim Breen,
Leanne Brehob-Riley, Media

Agenda Item

Call to Order

Chair Beckett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION by Betz to approve the agenda; seconded by James.

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Betz to approve the minutes of June 3, 2008; June 16, 2008 and June 19, 2008 as presented; seconded by Richards. **Motion carried.**

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Champaign County Courthouse

GIS Consortium Global Positioning System Base Station Request

Leanne Brehob-Riley presented a power point presentation to the committee. She explained they had submitted a request for the Consortium to place GPS based equipment on the roof of the Courthouse. There will be a combination of instruments and they would purchase the other equipment needed if this is approved. She stated since her original request she learned that legally the County cannot allow any of its properties to be used by a commercial enterprise for a for profit program so they altered their request so any station equipment they would purchase and own which should get rid of the legal issue. Installation and equipment would be paid for by the consortium members and they will utilize a power source and internet connection already in place on the Courthouse.

She stated the equipment on the roof can be mounted to what is already there and with this equipment you will get survey grade accuracy.

Mr. Beckett stated usually when they take action on something like this our attorneys have reviewed it. When asked if the Sheriff has any position regarding this sort of thing, Lt. Mills stated they have used GPS in the past to do searches and the Sheriff was pleased with it.

Committee consensus to support this request. Mr. Beckett stated ultimately it is a County Board decision if there is to be an agreement so we need something showing what was stated tonight.

Sheriff Walsh Courthouse Usage Memo

Lt. Mills explained rooms 155 and 156 are right next to each other and currently security uses room 155, with 13 officers, for a variety of purposes and there is little to no room in that space. The room next door is currently a break room that is rarely used and they are asking approval to switch those rooms to provide Court Security with the adequate space they need.

Mr. Betz asked if the Circuit Clerks office has taken a position. Lt. Mills explained they have contacted the Clerk's office and the Public Defender who thought it was a great idea. There is a partition wall and they thought they could get that space moved out of the way and, based on numbers it will be more than adequate to provide lunch space.

MOTION by Betz to approve the Sheriff's request to change the primary usage of rooms 155 and 156 at the County Courthouse; seconded by Weibel. **Motion carried.**

Courthouse Masonry/Bell Tower Project Project Spreadsheet

Mr. Inman stated there is nothing to highlight on the spreadsheet, we are on course for the project.

MOTION by Betz to receive and place on file; seconded by James. **Motion carried.**

Project Emergency Action Plan & Disaster Recover Plan

Mr. Beckett informed the committee that he responded to a letter from a woman who was riding her bike by the courthouse and had something splash on her hands. The resident didn't claim she was hurt she just reported that it happened. He asked the contractor to find out what work was being done that day and we discovered they were using a cleaning agent on the bricks that day. The letter he sent to the resident contained all of that information.

Project Schedule/Update

Mr. Inman explained that during the Sweet Corn Festival there will be additional law enforcement monitoring the site, we will have a web cam to watch the area and all equipment will be put into a position where they will not be able to work. He provided a handout to the committee which covers every project we have. When asked about the south highway building, Mr. Inman explained this project has suffered because of weather. Advanced Roofing was to start in July but that crew is in Hoopeston and that work was damaged by the weather so they are late getting here. They have asked the minority firm they are utilizing at the Courthouse to move to this building next week to start the interior. They are not going in the normal sequence and are just taking advantage of who is available. The end date for the project is all weather dependent but it is possible to get it done in 45 days.

Mr. Shelden stated if it isn't done in 45 days it won't be used for this election and he asked if the continued use of the Gill building would be an issue. Mr. Inman stated it would not and there are no plans for the space he utilizes in the Gill building until he is out.

Fleet Maintenance/Highway Facility BLDD Invoice #130754

BLDD Invoice #130755

MOTION by Betz to recommend County Board approval of BLDD Invoice #130754 in the amount of \$1,280.30 for professional services rendered thru May 1, 2008 and BLDD Invoice #130755 in the amount of \$750.00 for professional services rendered thru May 1, 2008; seconded by James. **Motion carried.**

When asked why these invoices are coming in so late, Mr. Inman stated he is not sure.

Highway Facility Construction Project Budget

MOTION by Betz to receive and place on file; seconded by James.

Mr. Beckett stated there is a budget amendment on the Finance agenda to reconcile the capitalization of the Highway Departments site work to add to the budget.

Mr. Inman explained bills were going to go directly to Mr. Blue who was not going to run it through the normal process, mid-point the Auditor asked us to change that approach. We didn't bring it back because it was so late.

Motion carried.

A/E Contract Negotiating Team

Mr. Inman stated when the original A/E contract was negotiated it was discussed between BLDD and the team that if there were extra design expenses they would have an opportunity to come back and ask for more. By reconvening the negotiating team we will go through the process to decide what to give them.

Physical Plant **Monthly Reports**

MOTION by Betz to receive and place on file; seconded by James.
Motion carried.

Mr. Inman explained that gas totals are low. There are new meter readers and they have been giving us a credit for two months now, he expects it will go up next month.

**Champaign County Nursing Home
Johnson & Condon Invoice**

MOTION by Betz to recommend County Board approval of Johnson & Condon Invoice in the amount of \$374.87 for Panel Arbitration: Champaign County and Otto Baum; seconded by James. **Motion carried.**

Chair's Report

There was no Chair's Report.

**County Administrator
Champaign County/Niemann Foods Lease for County Parking
Renewal**

Mr. Inman stated his request is for an evaluation team to be formed to determine if we want to continue this lease.

MOTION by Betz to approve the recommendation of the County Administrator and create an evaluation team to review this lease; seconded by James. **Motion carried.**

Committee consensus that Betz and Bensyl will serve on the evaluation team.

Other Business

There was no other business

**ADDENDUM
Champaign County Nursing Home
Duane Morris Invoices – General Discussion**

Mr. Beckett stated he would like to end our relationship with these attorneys.

Ms. Rietz explained she spoke with Nick Lynn from Duane Morris and they have been pleased with their relationship with the County and appreciate the business. To date we have outstanding bills and we need to get it resolved and she believes it should be wiped out based on what has already been paid to them. Mr. Lynn stated he would discuss that with the partners and get back to her. She believes they can resolve this amicably.

Mr. Beckett stated they should wait tonight and next month we may know one way or another.

Mr. Sapp stated he has been hearing for months that we are done with this firm yet the bills keep coming, he suggested someone say we will continue to get them.

Ms. Rietz stated there is no more work for this firm to do, the issue has been resolved. It is possible that Mr. Phebus will need to contact them because attorney's fees are one issue under damages.

Consent Agenda Items

Items VII A, B and IX A will be placed on the County Board Consent Agenda.

Adjournment

Chair Beckett

Respectfully Submitted,

Tiffany Talbott
Administrative Secretary