

**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD  
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

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**COUNTY FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

Lyle Shields Meeting Room, Brookens Administrative Center  
1776 E. Washington St., Urbana, Illinois

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Beckett (Chair), Bensyl, Cowart, James, Jay,  
Richards, Smucker, Weibel

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Sapp

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Denny Inman, Deb Busey, Julia Rietz

**AGENDA ITEM**

**Call to Order**

Chair Beckett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A roll call confirmed a quorum present.

**Approval of Agenda/Addendum**

**MOTION** by Jay to approve the agenda; seconded by Richards. There was no addendum for the meeting. **Motion carried.**

**Approval of Minutes – May 5, 2009 & May 21, 2009**

**MOTION** by Jay to approve the minutes of May 5, 2009 and May 21, 2009 as presented; seconded by James.

Mr. James asked the recording secretary to look at page 8 lines 31-32 of the May 5, 2009 minutes.

**Motion carried.**

## **Public Participation**

There was no public participation

## **Space Utilization at Brookens**

Mr. Beckett stated they received a space request from the Parenting with Love and Limits Program for the space that will be vacated by Child Support Enforcement.

Mr. Tracy explained this program is a cooperative venture between Mental Health, State's Attorney and Court Services and the purpose is to improve the entire Juvenile Justice System in Champaign County. This program was discovered at a conference where a number of evidence based practices were being showcased and as a result they contacted a variety of sites where this program is functioning and discovered that it is delivering and they are very pleased with the idea of moving forward with it. He explained there is a braiding of funding from a variety of different sources to implement this program; quarter cent money, approximately \$550,000 in Mental Health Board money and some grant money.

The people in the Juvenile Justice System felt it was important to have the team available, close to the Courthouse and Detention Center. They tried to get this set up at the JDC but the space there isn't adequate for what is needed. At this point they have identified the space at Brookens, in a request from the State's Attorney, and think it would be important as an in kind contribution from the County to let them use the space until they can pay rent. The ultimate goal would be to become a paying customer but at this time they don't have any extra money available and would like this through November 2010.

Mr. Beckett asked what the value of the contribution would be. Ms. Busey explained the space is about 2500 square feet and we charge about \$5.00 per square foot so roughly \$1,000 per month or \$17,000.

Mr. Beckett asked for an explanation of an evidence based program. Mr. Tracy explained evidence based is a term used to identify programs that have been proven by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party researcher to be effective. It will cost \$150,000 per year to purchase this and in addition to the highly structured manualized approach they are purchasing the oversight of the model.

For the team, in addition to being trained and certified, every two weeks there is a two hour conference call where they talk about cases and submit videos of sessions to make sure they are being true to the model and that goes on the entire term of the contract. The research shows if you train people but don't give them supervision they slide back, this model assures we will be consistent. There will also be an independent researcher who will be analyzing the data and tracking the outcomes.

Mr. Beckett asked if the space here at Brookens is better than the space at the JDC and why.

Leon Bryson, manager of the program, explained space is key and they are talking about a space being able to accommodate 6 therapists working in different capacities so they need enough room to meet with families, have conference calls and still have privacy. At the JDC they are in a centralized hallway where space isn't conducive and there is other staff coming in and out. They are looking to make this program flow.

Ms. Rietz stated part of the process of this program is group meetings with families, therapists and young people. Right now it is being done at the JDC which is a locked facility. This is a program trying to get people out of the detention center and the space here has a separate entrance and can be used after hours, which is important because this is a program that operates after 5:00 p.m. to accommodate families. It is also next to the basketball court and they have talked about getting the Park District involved and letting the kids use the courts. The space at Brookens is already divided into offices and there is space for group meetings.

Mr. Gordon stated they will still have access to space at the Juvenile Detention Center when they are seeing juveniles there.

When asked about the dollar per square foot amount, Ms. Busey explained that does not include utilities and custodial. Mr. Tracy stated they are asking for that to also be waived.

Mr. James asked if anyone else has come forward about the space in question. Mr. Weibel stated the need he knows of is better storage or more storage, the Coroner has space needs but his case is unique. Ms. Busey stated RPC periodically talks about needing more space but they are not ready to commit to anything at this point.

Mr. James asked about renting from the Public Health Building. Ms. Rietz stated that building is too far away because the therapists have to come to the Courthouse so it would be difficult and she doesn't know what they have available that wouldn't require renovation.

Mr. James asked, if it is not just a daytime operation, why the distance would matter. Ms. Rietz stated she doesn't know if there is any money to pay mileage and they cannot buy a car. They also don't have money to do renovations necessary at that building. The CAC renovations there were extensive.

Mr. Bensyl stated he assumes they have no one else who would be a paying customer interested in this space or any thought of anyone looking for this in the future.

Ms. Busey again stated RPC periodically talks about needing space but they are not committing to when they might need it. Ms. Rietz explained RPC is going to be running their Juvenile Diversion Program. They will be monitoring station adjustment cases for the Police Departments and that is part of the Quarter Cent money and she could see this space being used by both.

Mr. Inman stated the cost will be minimal and reminded the committee this is not prime space at Brookens, it is a renovated locker room with no windows. He could never see it being used for the Coroner, RPC may be able to co-habitat but it needs a special operation.

Mr. Jay stated the program is great but there is not enough space at Brookens and again they are taking space that hasn't been advertised here in the building. He can't understand why we can't address this in a different manner, and stated they need a study of the space issues here at Brookens.

**MOTION** by Jay to create a subcommittee to study space utilization at Brookens; seconded by James.

Mr. Beckett stated the committee toured the entire building a few years ago. Mr. Jay stated the Coroner is here because of space and we need to give people at Brookens a chance at this space before we start a new program here.

Mr. Bensyl stated he would feel guilty if they gave away space someone would have paid for. He also doesn't like the date on the request for this space, it pre-dates the meeting they had about this on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Ms. Busey stated this request came after the last County Facilities meeting and was placed with the agenda materials for the next County Facilities meeting. There was late determination that there needed to be a meeting about the allocation of the highway space before the board meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup>, and that meeting was specific for one reason only, to consider moving staff to the Highway space.

Mr. Weibel stated he concurred with Ms. Busey, he knew of this request but they would not have had time at the meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss both issues.

Mr. James stated creating a subcommittee would alleviate some of this coming in at the last minute. Regarding the request for space, everyone in this room was aware of it and someone could have spoke up and said we might have a tenant for that space.

Mr. Beckett told the committee he knew nothing of this request and he sometimes feels like no matter what he does, he is not doing it right. They need long range planning but there is no money so he takes things as they come up.

Ms. Rietz stated she will take responsibility for not saying anything at the meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup>. She didn't know about that meeting until the last minute, she had already sent the request letter and when they got to that meeting there seemed to be contention so she and Mr. Ziegler decided that if they brought it up they would seem greedy. If the committee decided no about that space then this wouldn't have mattered. She is hoping they don't let what could be a good thing for kids in the County get confused in politics. Mr. Northrup stated this space will not work for the Coroner's office.

**MOTION** by Richards to call the question on the issue of creating a subcommittee; seconded by Weibel. **Motion carried.**

**Motion** to create a subcommittee **carried** with a 5/3 roll call vote. Voting yes was Bensyl, James, Jay, Richards and Weibel. Voting no were Beckett, Cowart and Smucker.

Ms. Busey asked the committee to consider a slightly different version of approval. They have a program working out of the JDC that will soon be out of space, the moves could be easy and the space is ready to be moved into. She asked them to consider allowing this program to move into the space at no cost through November 2009 giving them time to review other space issues here, including the Coroner's Office issues. Through the subcommittee they can look at this program through the fall as they prepare the 2010 budget and look to see if we can continue giving them the space. She suggested an amendment to the request making it temporary for the remainder of the fiscal year while working on a more permanent solution.

**MOTION** by Bensyl to allow the Parenting with Love and Limits program to move into the space vacated by Support Enforcement in the Brookens Building at no cost, through November 2009, seconded by Richards.

Mr. Smucker stated this is a new program and we should give it our full support.

Mr. Tracy stated he sees no problem with what was suggested. They are paying customers now and would like to be in this space also but they just don't have it right now.

**Motion carried** with Jay and James opposed.

Mr. Beckett stated there should be three people on the subcommittee and his suggestion would be Mr. Smucker, Mr. Jay and Mr. Richards. He will put it on the next agenda.

Mr. Weibel stated he would serve as an alternate if any of the mentioned people cannot serve.

### **Courthouse Masonry/Bell Tower Project** **Project Spreadsheet**

**MOTION** by Cowart to receive and place on file; seconded by Richards.

Ms. Busey explained the committee approved several change orders at the last meeting and those changes, which did change the total project budget, are reflected on this spreadsheet.

**Motion carried.**

### **Physical Plant** **Monthly Reports**

Mr. Reinhart explained that utilities are tracking as expected. Repairs and maintenance line items for the jail are running higher than normal because they have had some unexpected repairs for those facilities.

When asked about the repairs, Mr. Reinhart stated the Satellite Jail had some serious issues with water heaters that they are still dealing with. They also had some air conditioning start up issues this spring and still have on going maintenance on the roof top units.

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

## **Chair's Report**

Mr. Beckett stated he anticipated having a report at the April board meeting from our attorney about the arbitration. Everything would need to be in closed session and he hasn't wanted to do that for this committee, if there is going to be one it should be at full board. At the April meeting they found out Mr. Phebus wasn't going to be there but was going to send someone from his office so he asked Mr. Weibel to cancel it. This isn't public information right now and he asked if any committee member wants to talk about it to come to either himself or Mr. Weibel. Mr. Inman explained arbitration is scheduled for the first two weeks of August.

## **County Administrator** **Request for Installation of Water Line**

Mr. Inman referred to a memo from the Urbana Park District requesting the installation of a water line to connect to the main that parallels Art Bartell. They will go underground to connect to the existing service between the ball fields and the school. When he was presented with this agreement he noticed a few items and changes that he wanted to bring forward for committee approval; they want to make the service agreement for five years, all employees who come on County property will need to go through a screening, the County Board will be named as the insured and Art Bartell cannot be closed. If there is any damage to Art Bartell they will request the County Engineer have input on bringing it back to the way it was and Alan Reinhart will be our local presence on the project. He would like to work with the Park District to incorporate those changes.

**MOTION** by James to enter into an agreement with the Urbana Park District for installation of a water line on county property as set forth in the letter of May 11, 2009 subject to the additional limitations in the memo submitted by the County Administrator dated May 29, 2009; seconded by Cowart.

Mr. Inman explained there is a failed system on the east side of the park and it will be going from an 8 inch to a 2 inch.

**Motion carried.**

## **Other Business** **Cancellation of July Committee Meeting**

Mr. Beckett asked if the issue of the work on the Gill Building for the Coroner will be ready by July. Ms. Busey stated the goal was to have that for the August meeting.

Committee consensus was to cancel the July committee meeting.

Mr. Smucker reminded the committee they approved bids for shingles on the Courthouse roof and asked where that project is at. Mr. Inman reported they accepted a contract with Advanced and the work has started.

Mr. Smucker asked for an update on the work SEDAC has been doing with the County.

Mr. Inman reported that Mr. Martinez was assigned to the County and he has done some preliminary work on solar for Brookens. He has held off on contacting them because we are not done with grants and he wants to be before we bring them in for reporting.

Mr. Smucker asked for the contact information for Mr. Martinez.

### **Designation of Items to be placed on County Board Consent Agenda**

No items will be placed on the Consent Agenda.

### **Adjournment**

Chair Beckett declared the meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tiffany Talbott  
Administrative Secretary