

SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS MEETING- February 23, 2009

Commissioner John Price called the February 23, 2009 Special Commissioners' meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. with Board member Tom Kite present. Troy DeHart was absent.

DISCUSSION OF REPLACEMENT OF OREN WRIGHT BUILDING: John Price, Commissioner, stated at the last meeting discussing the replacement of the Oren Wright Building the site assessments for the utilities were to be completed. Brenda Jones-Matthews, County Coordinator, stated the power at the current location is a three-phase above ground on the West side of the building. Ms. Jones-Matthews stated Duke would pull the electrical at no cost. Ms. Jones-Matthews also stated Duke would not give a cost on how much new service would cost until the County has a plan in place.

Ms. Jones-Matthews stated at the North Annex site the electrical is located on the North side of the building in the East/West alley.

Ms. Jones-Matthews stated Indiana American Water Company would also not give a cost on how much new service would cost until the County has a plan in place. Ms. Jones-Matthews also stated the Water Company stated there are no water lines in the parking lot of the Wright Building.

Ms. Jones-Matthews stated she has not reached the Indiana Gas Company (Vectren). Ms. Jones-Matthews stated from past experience the services disconnect and reconnect should be the same as the other utilities.

Ms. Jones-Matthews also stated the sewer lines come through the parking lot of the Wright Building. Ms. Jones-Matthews stated at the North Annex site the sewer lines are in the East/West alley. Ms. Jones-Matthews also stated there is fiber optic line running through the North/South alley by the North Annex. Ms. Jones-Matthews stated to move the sewer line it would cost \$30.00 a liner foot and \$3,000.00 per manhole to move.

Tom Kite, Commissioner, stated he believes the North Annex is the best location in the downtown area.

Beverly Martin, Johnson County Public Library, stated they are moving ahead with their five year plan. Ms. Martin stated their current need for space is between 70,000-90,000 square feet depending on what services also would go into the building. Ms. Martin stated the Library's current space does not meet the needed space requirement. Ms. Martin stated they are looking into the downtown area for a new location. Ms. Martin stated they are interested in doing some joint planning with the County to provide office space. Ms. Martin stated they would be working soon on a site plan for the downtown area.

Fred Paris, Mayor of Franklin, stated his goal still for the downtown area is to redevelop the downtown area. Mayor Paris stated the area where the Wright Building is now, he sees this area being redeveloped with business area. Mayor Paris also stated there will be needed parking in the downtown area.

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After further discussion, Mr. Price stated the County would need a building that had at least 30,000 square feet. Mr. Price stated that would be room for one additional court room.

Mr. Price stated maybe a team could be put together to assess some sites in a week to see if a joint building with the Library would be feasible.

Brad Cooper, Prosecutor, stated the FEMA money is set for destroying the Wright Building and to build a building back that will house all of the displaced office once again. Mr. Cooper stated the space where the Wright Building is now could be turned into a parking lot. Mr. Cooper stated the best space that he see's to build back office space is the lot next to Ann's Restaurant. Mr. Cooper stated this would be the best location in the downtown area.

Sheriff Terry McLaughlin stated he would like to see all of the Courts stay in one building. Sheriff McLaughlin stated the more spread out the Courts are the more security officers that would be needed.

Linda Souchon, Purdue Extension Office, stated the County can't afford to lose the FEMA funding. Ms. Souchon stated the County should look into adding onto the West Annex building. Ms. Souchon stated she understands there is a concern on what to do with the employees that work in the Annex. Ms. Souchon stated there are contractors that specialize in adding onto buildings where there are employees working.

After further discussion, Tom Kite made a motion for the Attorney to develop an RFP for a consultant and to put together a scope of work. John Price seconded the motion. The motion passed two to one.

ADJOURNMENT: Tom Kite made a motion to adjourn. John Price seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

John L. Price

Thomas A. Kite

Troy A. DeHart

ATTEST: _____
Jan Richhart, Auditor