

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 113
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2007
1:30 P.M.**

Commissioners Present: Bob Workman, Chair
Bernie Heier, Vice Chair
Larry Hudkins
Ray Stevens
Deb Schorr

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
Dan Nolte, County Clerk
Ann Taylor, County Clerk's Office

AGENDA ITEM

**BUILDING MASTER PLAN WORKING SESSION WITH
LINCOLN/LANCASTER COUNTY PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION
(PBC)**

John Kay, Sinclair Hille Architects., gave a presentation on options to address projected growth of the courts and an update of the Master Plan for the Government Complex (Exhibit A):

- * Renovation/Expansion of the Third Floor of the County/City Building
- * Construct a Juvenile Justice Services Center at the Youth Services Center (1200 Radcliffe Street)
- * Relocation of Certain Departments
- * Build a Connecting Link Between the County/City Building and the Justice and Law Enforcement Center
- * Expand the Justice and Law Enforcement Center's Fourth Floor to the Full Footprint Perimeter

Extensive discussion followed with suggestions to: 1) Finish the third floor of the County/City Building, move the City Attorney and County Attorney's Offices into that space and turn the vacated space into courtrooms and related offices; 2) Move the County Attorney's Child Support Division back to the Government Complex; 3) Consider a common point of entry; 4) Continue to utilize space in the Jail for high risk offenders and build a dormitory type corrections facility for lower risk offenders on land that was purchased at Southwest 40th and West "O" Streets for a new jail, instead of the more costly facility that has been proposed; and 5) Explore having judges share courtrooms and the concept of an early morning or night court.

Kay was asked to further assess the Juvenile Court's space needs and to update the cost estimate for finishing the third floor of the County-City Building.

Also present were Chris Beardslee and Jennifer Felton, Sinclair Hille Architects; Jon Camp and Linda Wilson, Public Building Commission (PBC); Don Killeen, County Property Manager; District Court Judge John Colborn; County Court Judge James L. Foster; Juvenile Court Judge Toni Thorson; Juvenile Court Judge Reggie Ryder; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Gary Lacey, County Attorney; Dennis Keefe, Public Defender; Sue Kirkland, Clerk of the District Court; Linda Sanchez-Masi, Chief Deputy Clerk of the District Court; Steve Hubka, City Budget Officer; Don Taute, Personnel Director; and other interested parties.

Schorr exited the meeting.

1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE STAFF MEETING MINUTES OF THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2007

MOTION: Heier moved and Stevens seconded approval of the Staff Meeting minutes dated September 20, 2007. Stevens, Heier, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Schorr was absent from voting. Motion carried.

2 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- A. Reconsideration of a Request to Make Timothy Loewenstein, Buffalo County Commissioner, a Voting Member of the Jail Request for Proposals (RFP) Review Committee.

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Heier seconded approval of the addition to the agenda. Heier, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Stevens voted no. Schorr was absent from voting. Motion carried.

3 BUILDING MASTER PLAN WORKING SESSION WITH LINCOLN/LANCASTER COUNTY PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION (PBC)

Item was moved forward on the agenda.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- A. Reconsideration of a Request to Make Timothy Loewenstein, Buffalo County Commissioner, a Voting Member of the Jail Request for Proposals (RFP) Review Committee.

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Heier seconded to invite Timothy Loewenstein, Buffalo County Commissioner, to serve as a voting member of the Jail Request for Proposals (RFP) Review Committee.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Heier offered a friendly amendment to include mileage at the statutory rate and to offer the other members of the committee the same reimbursement.

The maker of the motion accepted the friendly amendment.

ROLL CALL: Heier, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Stevens voted no. Schorr was absent from voting. Motion carried.

4 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Stevens moved and Heier seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:13 p.m. Hudkins, Heier, Stevens and Workman voted aye. Schorr was absent from voting. Motion carried.

Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk