

**MINUTES**  
**PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2009, 1:30 P.M.**  
**CONFERENCE ROOM 113**  
**COUNTY CITY BUILDING**

PRESENT: Linda Wilson, Jon Camp, Bob Workman, Larry Hudkins, Jonathan Cook

OTHERS PRESENT: Don Killeen, Judge John Hendry, Mike Lee, Theresa Emmert, Terri Storer, Trish Owen, Judge Jeffre Chevront, Captain Joe Lefler, Deputy Paul Aksamit, Dan Nolte, Steve Parker, Vince Mejer, John Kay, Kristine Dorn, Mike Daily, and Jeanne Sayers

The meeting of the Public Building Commission was called to order by Chairperson Larry Hudkins and the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was announced.

Wilson moved and Workman seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2009 meeting. The motion passed.

Kristine Dorn and Mike Daily, BVH Architects, reported that the relocation of the City Attorney has a substantial completion date of July 1, 2009, and Terri Storer, City Attorney, feels this will work well with staff for a possible move over the July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday weekend. Document specs for a third passenger elevator are near completion for the bid process to then be followed by vote for approval. Vince Mejer, Purchasing Agent, presented bids and recommended approval to System Technology Services, Inc., second low bid, for the wiring and cabling installation to the City Attorney Relocation. Workman moved approval which was seconded by Wilson. The motion passed.

Legal counsel has determined the plan of action brought forward by Kit Boesch, Human Services, and the Cultural Center Coalition would have the appearance of showing preferential treatment based solely on ethnicity which is a violation of the Nebraska Constitution. It is the consensus of the Commission that Human Services respond back if interested in pursuing Request for Proposal responses of food service proposals and with the assistance of the Purchasing Department in drafting such specifications.

John Kay, Sinclair Hille Architects, stated that proposal for the Juvenile Court Renovation should go out for bid on May 22, 2009 with completion of the project expected December 15, 2009.

Judge Jeffre Chevront and John Kay briefed the Commission on renovation to District Court to accommodate an additional District Court Judge with chambers and a Court Reporter, a District Court Administrator, modification of the Referee's Hearing Room and an eighth courtroom. Variations, logical situations and opinions may result in the completion of the project to be done in phases. Planning meetings with District Judges and the architects will continue.

Legal counsel reported to the Commission that vending operations are allowed in B4 zoned areas when permits are issued. Steve Parker, Steve-o's Dogs, last month requested permission to set up his vending cart outside the entrances of the Hall of Justice/County City Building to provide food and beverage sales during the noon hours. The perimeter of this complex is not B4 zoned and the Commission does not have the authority to issue special permits or waive the zoning requirement. Workman moved to take no action due to zoning restrictions in allowing Steve-o's Dogs to vend as presented. Wilson seconded and the motion passed.

The ownership of properties managed by the Public Building Commission was presented to Commission members. There are several properties that are owned solely by the County or City that are managed by the Public Building Commission through leases. The financial directors of each entity will be asked if there would be

adverse affects should these particular properties become jointly owned.

Wilson moved to approve the General Vouchers for April 2009. Camp seconded and the motion passed.

Captain Joe Lefler and Deputy Paul Aksamit, County Sheriff, submitted a request for six (6) Taser purchases. Tasers are not considered a deadly force weapon which provide a less than lethal alternative for law enforcement and also provide level of protection to security personnel against assaults. Workman moved and Wilson seconded a motion to approve the purchase of the six (6) tasers, through the Purchasing Department, each of which will stay with the security division to the assigned personnel and not transfer to any other position within the Sheriff's Department. The motion passed unanimously.

Our Bond counsel has recommended that a Resolution is needed declaring reimbursement of certain expenses in connection with certain improvements to the Hall of Justice and the County City Building should a Bond be issued to finance such improvements. Camp moved to proceed with the necessary development of such a Resolution. Workman seconded and the motion passed.

It has been requested that displays of historic nature be displayed in the building. An Arts Committee was developed during construction of this complex and it is suggested to reconvene an Arts Committee and return suggestions to the Commission.

The next meeting of the Commission is tentatively set for June 9, 2009 at 1:30 p.m.

Report From Administrative Staff: Mike Lee has requested glass tinting at the entrance and exit of the Hall of Justice. This would reduce heat and sun glare for security personnel yet allow un-obscured visibility to the outside. Estimates for consideration will be submitted at the next meeting.

With no further business, Workman moved to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Camp. The vote carried unanimously.