Tentative Minutes

Ogle County Long Range Planning- Courthouse Renovation Committee Meeting

Feb. 10, 2009

First Floor Meeting Room, Courthouse

1. Chairman Stahl calls the meeting to order at 9:02 am
Members Present: Chm. Stahl, Hopkins, Gronewold, Rice, Messer
Others Present: Jeanne Scholl, Sheriff Beitel, John Coffman, Doreen O'Brien, Don Conn, Bob De Arvil, Jim Barnes, Larry Callant, Jim Harrison, Becky Huntley , Dennis Vovos and Andrea Caputo, Holabird and Root

2. A motion is made to approve the minutes of Jan. 15, 2009, by Gronewold, Second by Rice. Motion carried.

3. Courthouse Renovation Project

- Review time line
  March 1-Final Geo-thermal report. Initial feed back from test well is that rock was hit at 240 feet. Shorter wells as a consequence. Vovos is waiting on a fiscal report and it is in the works.

- The paint specialist discovered there is stencil under stencil. Need to make a decision which stenciling we want to go with. Judgement call of which part of history we want to capture.

- Need to tie up plan revisions.

- Looking to bid period end of March beginning of April. May Board meeting to approve bids. Construction should begin in June. Courthouse offices will move out approximately May 1. Hazardous material abatement during May-construction to begin in June. Sheriff Beitel will contact the hazardous abatement companies.

- Drawings are almost finished.

- Questions about insurance- Coffman and Rice will meet with Vovos.

- Construction should take about 1 year

(Jim McBride enters at 9:15)

- Bids for moving-Rice has contacted Dave Beguin of Allied Moving of Sycamore. He will put together a bid spec. This will include moving to Mt. Morris and back.

- Rice has contacted 4 people, looking for a fifth to identify "antique" items and make decisions what to do with them. They will be stored at the back of the Pines Road Annex. Caputo has put together a CD of items, already. Present volunteer committee: Jeanne Scholl, Bonnie Hendrickson, Chairman, Peri Query, Sheryl Hopkins.

- Rice moves to approve the Long Range Planning Bills for $10,000 to Verzieg and Bradford Systems Corp.(subject to down payment info) for $91,398.84 for a total of $101,398.84. Messer seconds. Motion carried.

4. New Business

Sheriff Beitel explains phone system and network between Oregon and Mt. Morris. He is exploring wireless connection with fiber from county to Liberty Hill to Mt. Morris. Sunday morning microwave link fried between county and Liberty Hill. 2 receivers failed at same site at same time. The Sheriff prefers wireless connection over Verizon solution. The county will have something for the future with wireless. Nothing to be gained with Verizon. When we walk away we will have nothing. Hopkins feels it is better to invest our money in something we can continue to use. Messer states we will keep old system as a back -up, redundant paths. Sheriff will check into cost differential. Sheriff is working with RMU, which is helping with savings.

Hopkins moves for the Sheriff to look into the fiber and wireless communications to Liberty Hill. Rice seconds. Motion carried.

5. Public Comment- None

6.Meeting moves to third floor to check out stenciling.
Motion is made by Rice to continue to uncover the original stenciling. Hopkins seconds. Motion carried.

7. Next meeting Dates:

Feb. 24, 2009 at 9:00 am

March 10, 2009 at 9:00 am

8. There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned. 9:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Huntley