Ogle County
Long Range Planning – Courthouse Renovation Committee
Special Meeting – Tentative Minutes
June 22, 2009

1. Call to order by Kim Stahl at 11:00. Members present: Stahl, Rice, Hopkins, Gronewold. Members absent: Nye, Gouker, Messer. Also present: Jim Barnes (Ogle County Board),Meggon McKinley (County Administrator), Chief Deputy Myers (Sheriff Dept), Lt. Getzelman (Sheriff Dept), Dennis Vovos (Holabird & Root), Bonnie Hendrickson (Courthouse Artifacts Committee), Brent Johnson & team (Ringland Johnson), members of the public.

2. Courthouse Renovation Project – Review & Possible Action: Meggon McKinley reported that this morning, low bidder EVS filed and was granted, a temporary restraining order (TRO) to halt the courthouse renovation contract signing with Ringland Johnson. She reported that the County cannot move forward on the project until EVS's case is heard and the court makes a determination as to which bidder is to be awarded the project. McKinley noted that the current contractor bids are set to expire July 11, and that Judge Mallon has set a trial date of July 10 at 9:00 am. Mr. Vovos wanted to make suggestions regarding project next steps and Ms. McKinley noted such discussions will be managed outside of this meeting as directed by the State's Attorney, who is representing the County Board in this case. Regarding other agenda items, Ed Rice did note that we could proceed in talking with the Eagle Scouts for the cannon refurbishing project since that is outside the courthouse renovation bid. McKinley noted she and Ed Rice will meet with the Eagle Scouts Tuesday June 23 at noon by the cannons on the Courthouse lawn to review the project requirements as laid out in the Dryer Painting bid, evaluate the Eagle Scout's ability to complete this project, and bring information back to the Long Range Planning committee for possible action authorizing the Eagle Scouts to move forward in this project. McKinley asked Bonnie Hendrickson if they would participate in this project. Bonnie indicated her Artifacts Committee feels the cannon refurbishing is beyond their level of expertise, but she will likely attend the Tuesday meeting to provide input to the discussions. The LRP members agreed to discuss all other historic refurbishing projects outside the scope of the renovation bids at the next LRP meeting, which will take place July 14, after the July 10 EVS trial date.

3. New Business – none

4. Public Comment – Jim Barnes stated it wasn't really a surprise that EVS filed a law suit. Ed Rice noted that you never can tell what people might do until the action is taken.

5. Next Meeting Date – July 14, 9:00 am Sheriff's Training Room

6. Adjournment – Stahl adjourned the meeting at 11:07

Respectfully submitted,
Meggon McKinley, Ogle County Administrator