

LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

La Crosse County Administrative Center, Room 3220

4:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vicki Burke, Jim Berns, Ray Ebert, Maureen Freedland, Beverly Mach, John Medinger

MEMBERS EXCUSED: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF & GUESTS: Steve O'Malley, Jim Speropulos, Margaret Norden, Mary Powell, Andy Hudzinski, Bev Heebesch, Jane Klekamp, Val Schute, Erik Lawson

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Vicki Burke called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None requested.

APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 10, 2010

MOTION by Freedland/Mach to approve the Minutes of August 10, 2010. **Motion carried unanimously.**

UPDATE ON LEC PROJECT, INCLUDING CHANGE ORDERS (IF ANY)

Jim Speropulos reported on progress with transitioning inmates and offices. He anticipates the transition and general construction will be done in February, 2011. There were no change orders reported. Discussion was held regarding operations in the jail, census, and the new videoconference visitation. Supervisor Medinger expressed disappointment that the Sheriff was not present. Steve O'Malley stated he could provide an update for the entire County Board at a Policy Planning meeting, and ask the Sheriff to attend.

FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT

Jim Speropulos stated that contingency balance equaled about \$44,500.00 when the report was printed. Steve O'Malley reported that with the savings that have been realized, projections indicate that the project will come in under budget, and he does not foresee having to borrow from the general fund.

DISCUSSION REGARDING PLAQUE FOR LEC

Jim Speropulos showed a photograph of the existing Courthouse plaque, and distributed a draft of a similar layout with current LEC Committee members and County Board. Discussion was held regarding size and layout. Staff will do another draft, and verify cost and size. The County Board will have an opportunity to review and state how they wish to have their name displayed.

DISCUSSION REGARDING OFFICIAL OPENING

The committee received copies of previous opening ceremony programs for the Law Enforcement Center in 1997 and the Administration Building (formerly the Courthouse) in 1965. Lengthy discussion followed about the length of the program, participants, speakers, and date. The following was generally agreed upon:

- Hold a ribbon cutting ceremony and program no earlier than mid-March;
- Include a Presentation of the Flag and the Pledge of Allegiance;
- Invite the Governor, Chief Justice, and the La Crosse County presiding judge;
- Recognize the County Board, and have the County Board Chair introduce speakers;
- Display a floor plan.

It was determined that there should be further planning discussions in January or February, 2011.

DISCUSSION REGARDING PUBLIC ART

Steve O'Malley and Val Schute spoke about replicating photographs of the old courthouse from the UW-La Crosse archives. Further discussion was held about setting aside money from contingency funds that may remain to do more landscaping. Further discussion was held about raising private donations for sculpture, a mural, or other art.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Nothing further suggested than previously noted.

NEXT MEETING – JANUARY 11, 2011 (FOCUS ON ENERGY PRESENTATION AND GROUP PHOTOGRAPH IN LEC LOBBY TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR 3:30 P.M.)

Jim Speropulos reported that Focus on Energy would like to have a presentation of their check for the grant money for solar heating and Rotary Lights switchover to LED. The committee meeting will follow in the first floor conference room.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Freedland/Berns to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting. Margaret Norden, Recorder