

WOODBURY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM(S) RE

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Date: 7/28/2016

Weekly Agenda Date: 8/2/2016

ELECTED OFFICIAL / DEPARTMENT HEAD / CITIZEN: K. Schmitz / Supervisor Taylor

WORDING FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Approve the Closure of Prairie Hills with Subsequent Move of Kitchen to LEC

ACTION REQUIRED:

Approve Ordinance

Approve Resolution

Approve Motion

Give Direction

Other: Informational

Attachments

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Law Enforcement Expansion Committee has through the course of several months' study looked at every way in order to responsibly and efficiently expand the Law Enforcement Center from the presupposition that there is simply a better way to do business than keeping the dilapidated Prairie Hills open or conversely build a new \$20 million jail subject to an understandably unpopular voter referendum. In order to demonstrate the work that supervisors, law enforcement officials, building services, and outside organizations have done, I created a compendium of over 50 pages of material that has been the product of careful deliberation, hard conversation, creative alternative, and the best architectural and design minds.

BACKGROUND:

It should be noted that there are currently no alternative programs that are truly being utilized here. The kitchen move with CBM should happen as soon as contractual obligations are worked—as we have said and is reason and evidence of our move irrespective of the LEC Expansion—because such a movement just makes good sense. This will put all functions under one roof at the LEC, help replace kitchen equipment, and provide CBM a home base within hundreds of feet rather than the travel and transport expense.

-We have learned that in working out the contract, the ordering of kitchen equipment, and any necessary modifications that the earliest and most aggressive timeline would be December 1 according to Building Services. Additionally, while not housing work release, there are some Clerk of Courts materials, kitchen materials, a weight room, training area, and some storage as well that Building Services would need time to move. Therefore, I would propose that we proceed as follows:

-The motion is to signal the eventual close of Prairie Hills with the goal of turning off the wasteful utilities completely by July 1, 2017.
-This can be accomplished in stages in order to save the most amount of money during this next heating and subsequent cooling season while helping to support law enforcement that currently utilizes this for training purposes.

-The timeline would be contingent upon the following: substantial completion of kitchen renovation to the LEC (hopefully in December), necessary materials being moved from Clerk of Courts and Sheriff's Office to secure and safe locations. The intention would be to valve off the older portion of the building from the newer portion in which during this last heating season, the training and weight room areas could still be utilized. It will not be the intention of Woodbury County to make emergency repairs to the boiler system or domestic hot water system, which would impact this timeline. Additionally, it is the intention not to utilize the chiller for next cooling season past March but to sell it in accordance with all applicable laws.

-There are some functions within Prairie Hills that we should also look to helping repurpose including the training, K-9 area, and weight room. I believe it should be a good faith effort to utilize this time over the next few months to see the most efficient, serviceable, and economical way to meet the needs of the Sheriff's Office in this respect for the long-term. Some nascent ideas have been the construction of a simple building that could house training. Additional ideas can include looking at what Blackhawk County has done in a 70 x 112 ft building, revenue generation through the hosting of law enforcement training, public-private funding, revenue from the sale of the chiller, and monies not expended in the LEC Expansion.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Additional up to \$0.06 per meal cost of amortized kitchen equipment at a cost of up to \$125,000 paid for over 10 years' time.

IF THERE IS A CONTRACT INVOLVED IN THE AGENDA ITEM, HAS THE CONTRACT BEEN SUBMITTED AT LEAST ONE WEEK PRIOR AND ANSWERED WITH A REVIEW BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE?

Yes No

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the closure of Prairie Hills based on several contingencies and move the kitchen currently housed there to the Law Enforcement Center.

ACTION REQUIRED / PROPOSED MOTION:

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