



SUMNER COUNTY COMMISSION

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**MINUTES
EDUCATION COMMITTEE
MARCH 6, 2017**

Present:
Paul Decker, Chairman
Michael Guthrie
Trisha LeMarbre
Billy Geminden
Baker Ring
Leslie Schell
Paul R. Goode

Also Present:

Anthony Holt, County Executive
Lauren Walker, Law Director's Office
Don Long, Board of Education

Chairman Decker brought the meeting of the Education Committee to order with an invocation on Monday, March 6, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. in the Sumner County Administration building in Gallatin. A quorum was present.

Adoption of the Agenda. Upon motion of Comm. LeMarbre, seconded by Comm. Guthrie, the Committee members approved the agenda by unanimous voice vote.

Minutes of February 6, 2017. Upon motion of Comm. Goode, seconded by Comm. Schell, the Committee members approved the minutes of February, 2017 by unanimous voice vote.

Recognition of the Public. None

Report of the Chairman. Chairman Decker reported that commissioners and Board of Education members met at Millersville Elementary School for lunch.

Report of County Executive. No report.

Report of Director of Schools. Dr. Del Phillips was not present due to illness.

Old Business.

9a. Capital Bond Improvements. Chairman Decker recognized Don Long, Board of Education employee who oversees construction projects. He presented a "Sumner County School Construction Update" dated March 1, 2017 as follows:

<u>Current Projects</u>	<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Const. costs*</u>	<u>%Complete</u>
Howard Elementary	Baker Roofing	\$ 670,000	100%
White House High	Boger Construction	\$ 6,899,000	99%
Clyde Riggs Elementary	Fellowship Construction	\$ 3,105,000	99%
Doors/Windows	Pride Concrete/Constr.	\$ 1,234,000	99%
Beech High School	Biscan Construction	\$ 12,910,000	97%
Jack Anderson Elementary	Biscan Construction	\$ 2,455,000	95%
Guild Elementary	Boger Construction	\$ 5,010,000	61%
Hawkins Middle School	Leon Ross Construction	\$ 3,538,879	43%
Nannie Berry Elementary	Boger Construction	\$ 1,952,500	4%
Station Camp Middle	Biscan Construction	\$ 3,119,800	2%
Walton Ferry Elementary	Leon Ross Construction	\$ 3,428,400	0%
Watt Hardison Elementary	Fellowship Construction	\$ 3,275,000	0%
Doors/Windows-Phase 2	Pride Concrete/Constr	\$ 1,799,290	0%
Gallatin High Re-Roof	Baker Roofing	\$ 842,000	0%
Indian Lake Elem Re-Roof	Baker Roofing	\$ 515,000	0%
Beech Elem HVAC Upgrade	Trinity Geothermal	\$ 520,000	0%
Madison Creek HVAC Upgrade	Maynard Select	\$ 330,000	0%

*Construction cost only. Does not include furniture, technology, design, surveying

UPCOMING PROJECTS

DESIGN FEES

BID OPENING

George Whitten Elementary	Approved	August, 2017
Ellis Middle HVAC Upgrade	Approved	August, 2017
Gene Brown Elementary	Approved	August, 2017
Vena Stewart Elementary	Approved	August, 2017

Mr. Long said the cost of construction has gone up dramatically. The sub-contractors prices are at a premium. The Committee discussed the number of portables in use.

Mr. Long said growth rates in the County will necessitate new campus construction within three to five years.

Chairman Decker stated that he would distribute this handout at the next County Commission meeting.

New Business

10a. Sumner Board of Education Amendments (for information only). No action taken

10b. Sumner Board of Education Amendments (for approval).

Upon motion of Comm. Ring, seconded by Comm. Schell, the Committee approved the Board of Education amendments.

10c. Sumner Board of Education Indian Lake Elementary School Roof Project.
The low bid of \$515,000.00 was awarded to Baker Roofing Company.

Upon motion of Comm. Goode, seconded by Comm. Schell, the Committee approved unanimously the bid for the Indian Lake Elementary School project.

10d. Sumner Board of Education Gallatin High School Roof Project.
The apparent low bid of \$842,000.00 was awarded to Baker Roofing Company.

Upon motion of Comm. Goode, seconded by Comm. LeMarbre, the Committee approved unanimously the bid for the Gallatin High School Roof project.

11. Adjournment

Comm. LeMarbre motioned to adjourn and was duly seconded by Comm. Goode. The Committee adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Prepared by Maria Savage

**MINUTES
EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE
MARCH 6, 2017**

Present:

Jim Vaughn, Chairman
Chris Taylor, V. Chairman
Paul Decker
Alan Driver
Michael Guthrie
Ben Harris
Jerry Foster- Absent

Also Present:

Leah Dennen, County Law Director
Lauren Walker, Law Director staff attorney
Sheriff Sonny Weatherford
Jay Austin, Assistant Director EMS
Keith Douglas, E-911 Director
Anthony Holt, County Executive

Chairman Vaughn called the meeting of the Emergency Services Committee to order with an invocation by Comm. Guthrie on Monday, March 6, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. in the Sumner County Administration Building. A quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda. Upon motion of Comm. Decker, seconded by Comm. Chris Taylor, the Committee unanimously approved the agenda.

Approval of Minutes of February 6, 2017. Upon motion of Comm. Driver, seconded by Comm. Harris, the Committee approved the minutes of February 6, 2017.

Public Comments. None

Report from the Chairman

Report from the County Executive. County Executive Anthony Holt had no report.

Report from the Sheriff. Sheriff Weatherford distributed and discussed the February, 2017 financial reports and the Animal Control Division statistics. The jail population was 644 in February.

Fire Departments. Cottontown Volunteer Fire Department Chief Joe McLaughlin gave a report, stating multiple brush fires continue to be a problem.

Report from the EMS Director. Emergency Medical Services Director Keith Douglas and Assistant Director of Administration, Jay Austin, presented the EMS reports, stating that February activity was trending upward. Monthly revenue was \$451,733, showing an extra effort on the part of billing to increase revenue. The net transport revenue for February, 2017 was \$3,496,500.00. Responses for the month of February were 1,861 with 1,473 transports.

Mr. Douglas stated that it cost \$11,228.40 in personnel, equipment and fuel for the Sumner County Ambulance Strike Team to respond to the 2016 fire that destroyed property in the Gatlinburg area. He recommended that the County forgive that amount because the City of Gatlinburg is running a large deficit as a result of the disaster. Comm. Harris moved, seconded by Comm. Guthrie, to forgive the amount and pass it on to the Budget Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

He discussed the ongoing difficulty of payroll costs. Mr. Douglas presented an expected yearend balance exceeding the payroll budget by \$183,077.00 (mostly overtime). He suggested \$127,807.72 in savings within his budget but the overall difference would be \$55,269.28 at fiscal yearend. He said the bulk of this cost is in overtime.

No action was taken.

Mr. Douglas said that he was elected recently as Vice-President of the Tennessee Ambulance Service Association.

Mr. Douglas spoke about the issues surrounding Medicaid reimbursement for ambulance service. The typical Medicaid reimbursement for a non-emergency transport is \$100.00 to \$125.00. Medicare pays \$225.00 for the same service while the actual average cost to County is \$540.00.

Mr. Douglas recommended the Committee approve the Bed Assessment Fee that assists Tennessee providers who pool funds together to create the percent match required. The estimated fee is \$9.60 per transport paid quarterly. Through this program the annual revenue would increase up to \$460,000.00 (net over \$300,000.00) or around \$500.00 per transport.

Upon motion of Comm. Decker, seconded by Comm. Harris, the Committee voted unanimously to approve and forward the measure to the Legislative Committee.

Mr. Douglas stated the County's portion for furniture, appliances and fixtures at the new Portland EMS and Fire Station was estimated to be \$9,168.00. He said this figure represents the costs split with the City of Portland. Ms. Dennen suggested that Mr. Douglas bring back bids before it is taken to the Budget Committee.

Mr. Douglas recommended replacing the motors on three ambulances that are in good working condition otherwise. He recommended replacing each engine which costs about \$6,000.00. No action was taken.

Emergency Management Agency. No report

Report of the Emergency Communications Center. Rhonda Lea, Emergency Communications Director, said there are 48 applications to fill the dispatcher positions and interviews are underway for supervisors. The consoles will be received by March 28 and the radio bid has been let. The tower must be approved by the Native American tribes. The go-live date for the communications center is July 17, 2017.

Chairman Vaughn asked Ms. Lea if she could make contact with future employees about what to expect during the transition.

Old Business.

New Business .

15. Adjournment.

With a motion by Comm. Decker and duly seconded by Comm. Guthrie, the Committee adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Prepared by Maria Savage

**MINUTES
GENERAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
CALLED MEETING
LESLIE SCHELL, CHAIRMAN
MARCH 6, 2017**

Present:

Leslie Schell, Chairman
Caroline Krueger, Vice-Chairman
Larry Hinton
Baker Ring
Moe Taylor
Absent:
Joanne Kemp
Jerry Becker

Also Present:

Leah Dennen, County Law Director
Anthony Holt, County Executive
Lauren Walker, Law Director's Office
Bill Kemp, County Clerk
Jade Coldren, BIS Digital, Inc.

The called meeting of the General Operations Committee was brought to order on Monday, March 6, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sumner County Administration Building. Comm. Ring opened the meeting with an invocation and Chairman Schell declared a quorum present to conduct business.

Agenda. Comm. Moe Taylor moved to approve the agenda; Comm. Krueger seconded the motion, and the Committee voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

Report of Chairman. Chairman Schell reported the meeting was called to get a live demonstration by BIS Digital BoardSync, Inc., which was one of the two companies that bid on the computer video board and voting system for the Commission Chambers.

County Law Director Leah Dennen explained the process of hiring an IT person who would provide backup for the new voting board system.

Chairman Schell recognized County Clerk Bill Kemp who stated that one of two bidders on the County Commission voting system will make a presentation. He introduced Jade Coldren, a BIS Digital Inc., representative, present to facilitate a demonstration of the voting board processes through an internet connection and a teleconferenced Boardsync representative, Doug Sherman.

Mr. Coldren demonstrated the voting process using an Ipad during the meeting. He said many devices can be used in addition to the Ipad.

Mr. Coldren said that the software streamlines the agenda process where it can be totally paperless, in PDF format or printed out on paper. Notes can be made on the system for access after the agenda is marked final and during the meeting. Anything with a browser can connect to this system. The Committee discussed whether notes made on the system are public record.

The public sees only the agenda until the vote is concluded, then the Clerk displays the vote. Comm. Krueger said usually the public follows the meeting with paper copy of the agenda.

Chairman Schell stated that the current system shows the votes being cast and recorded in real time. She further stated that the present system displays all 24 commissioners. Mr. Kemp stated that this system does show who is present during roll call.

Comm. Krueger pointed out that the Commission Rules and Standards state that the electronic votes will be shown on the display during the process. The new system is not capable of displaying commissioners' votes before the Clerk closes the vote. Mr. Coldren stated that software would need to be rewritten.

In the BIS system the individual voter cannot change the vote once it is saved. A commissioner would have to request the Clerk change the vote once it is saved.

Mr. Coldren said that a new projector will be able viewers to see the display in more vivid color.

Committee members asked if the system could show a full view of the 24 commissioners throughout the meeting. Mr. Sherman said the program cannot show all 24 commissioners on a screen with active microphones. A PFD layout could stand in for a real time view of all commissioners.

Mr. Coldren said a second open window could show who is requesting to speak and the time allotted to speak.

Chairman Schell asked about training. Mr. Coldren stated there will be on sight and online training, especially when it first goes live.

Committee members asked questions about security and privacy regarding who reviews when commissioners access the agenda and notes made by them. Mr. Kemp stated that the system cannot be hijacked by an outsider during the meeting or otherwise.

Chairman Schell clarified that the meeting was a non-voting meeting.

The other bidder was Covenant Communications, LLC.

10. Adjournment. The Committee adjourned at 7:20 p.m. after a motion by Comm. Hinton, seconded by Comm. Krueger.

**MINUTES
GENERAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
LESLIE SCHELL, CHAIRMAN
MARCH 13, 2017**

Present:

Leslie Schell, Chairman
Caroline Krueger, Vice-Chairman
Jerry Becker
Larry Hinton
Joanne Kemp
Baker Ring
Moe Taylor

Also Present:

Leah Dennen, County Law Director
Lauren Walker, Law Director's Office
Bill Kemp, County Clerk
Kim Ark, Sumner County Grant Writer

The scheduled meeting of the General Operations Committee was brought to order on Monday, March 13, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. in the Sumner County Administration Building. Chairman Schell opened the meeting with an invocation and declared a quorum present to conduct business.

Agenda. Without objection, Chairman Schell added discussion on the Sumner County Courthouse architect project at the request of Comm. Hinton. Comm. Moe Taylor moved to approve the agenda; Comm. Becker seconded the motion, and the Committee voted to approve the agenda unanimously.

Minutes. Upon motion of Comm. Ring, seconded by Comm. Becker, the Committee voted to approve unanimously the minutes of February 13, 2017, regular meeting.

Report of Chairman. Chairman Schell had no report.

County Executive. County Executive was not present.

Recognition of the Public. None

Old Business.

8a. Update on Bridal House Chairman Schell recognized Lauren Walker, Staff Attorney, who stated that the inventory of the Bridal House is complete and a pleading will be filed later this week in Chancery Court. The Request for Qualifications to hire an auctioneer to sell the inventory will be posted on the website.

Kim Ark, Sumner County Grant Writer, stated the County had been awarded a \$10,000 rural access grant from the Department of Health. She said the funds will go toward the purchase of swings and picnic tables at the new park.

8b. Voting Board

The Committee met in special session on March 6 to review the proposal from BIS Digital, Inc. County Clerk Bill Kemp stated that he had not heard back from the vendor in regard to questions and concerns the Committee expressed at the meeting. A primary concern was the revision of software to accommodate the voting method whereby the votes are shown during the voting process itself.

Mr. Kemp stated that he had touched base with Covenant Communications, LLC and set up a meeting to see what they could offer in the way of paperless agendas and video streaming, among other matters.

Chairman Schell said that the decision on the voting board is at a standstill until the vendors modify the proposal to make them work specifically for Sumner County. She stated that another concern with BIS is once the vote is cast the individual commissioner cannot change it.

Comm. Hinton stated that his concern was that the public would be unable to follow the meeting with the new system.

Chairman Schell stated that the Budget Committee Chairman is aware that a budget request is pending.

Update from James Kennon, Architect. Chairman Schell stated that James Kennon of Kennon Calhoun Workshop was hired by the Committee to develop a budget for the Sumner County Courthouse renovation and meet with officials to help put in place a game plan. The Committee discussed a \$40,000.00 appropriation to pay Mr. Kennon. The fee was not paid and the work not submitted.

Chairman Schell said that Mr. Kennon did supply a rough estimate of between \$10.5 to \$13 million to renovate the Sumner County Courthouse. To build a new one at a different location was estimated to be between \$19 and \$22.5 million.

New Business.

9a. Justice needs planner

Chairman Schell reported that the Courthouse Ad Hoc Committee voted unanimously on March 1, 2017, to choose Justice Planning Associates, Inc., (JPA) out of four responses for a Request For Qualifications (RFQ). This company's charge would be to develop a strategic plan to determine future needs for courtroom services and the capacity to meet those needs. Justice Planning Associates, Inc., has performed work in Rutherford, Montgomery and Davidson Counties.

Chairman Schell stated that County Law Director Leah Dennen negotiated with JPA for a fee of \$180,000.00 to review and report recommendations on all the judicial buildings within a five-month period.

Comm. Ring moved, seconded by Comm. Krueger, to accept Justice Planning Associates, Inc. to draw up a plan for Sumner County.

Comm. Hinton moved, seconded by Comm. Moe Taylor, to rescind the original action of the General Operations Committee that appropriated \$40,000 to the Kennon Workshop. Ms. Dennen stated that she has had conversations with Mr. Kennon stating that the County was going in a different direction.

Comm. Krueger called for the question and the motion as duly seconded.

The motion to call for the question carried (5-2) with Commissioners Moe Taylor and Becker voting against.

Chairman Schell clarified that the main motion included Comm. Hinton's amendment to rescind the \$40,000 contract with Kennon Workshop.

The vote on the main motion including the amendment passed (6-1) with Comm. Moe Taylor voting against passage.

10. Adjournment. The Committee adjourned at 5:49 p.m. after a motion by Comm. Krueger and duly seconded by Comm. Hinton.

Prepared by Maria Savage

**MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
PAUL R. GOODE, CHAIRMAN
MARCH 13, 2017**

Present:

Paul R. Goode, Chairman
Kevin Pomeroy, Vice-Chairman
Paul Decker
Steve Graves
Trisha LeMarbre
Leslie Schell
Scott Langford, Commission Chairman
Absent: Jim Vaughn

Also Present:

Leah Dennen, Law Director
Lauren Walker, Law Office
Bill Kemp, Clerk

Chairman Goode brought the Legislative Committee meeting to order with an invocation by Comm. Decker on Monday, March 13, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. in the Sumner County Administration Building. A quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda. Comm. Graves moved, Comm. Schell seconded, to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes of February 13, 2017 for approval. Upon motion of Comm. Schell, seconded by Comm. Pomeroy, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of February 13, 2017.

Recognition of the Public. There was none.

Report of Chairman. Chairman Goode reported that the County will be holding more ribbon cuttings and other functions to draw more attention to the good things that are happening in Sumner County.

Report of County Executive. County Executive Anthony Holt had no report.

Old Business. There was none.

New Business.

9a. January 9th, 2017, Legislative Minutes for Re-approval. Chairman Goode entertained a motion to re-approve the January 9, 2017, Legislative Committee minutes, in which Comm. Langford was incorrectly shown making a second; Comm. LeMarbre made the second. Upon motion of Comm. Decker, seconded by Comm. Pomeroy, the Committee voted to re-approve the minutes of January 9, 2017.

9b. Magistrate Annual Review. Upon motion of Comm. Graves, seconded by Comm. Schell, the Committee voted to approve and pass on to the full Commission the annual magistrate review.

9c. A Resolution Expressing Opposition to the Construction of an Asphalt Plant in Old Hickory, Tennessee. Chairman Goode recognized Comm. Decker who stated that an asphalt plant is proposing to operate in an existing rock quarry across from Hendersonville on the Old Hickory, Tennessee side. He said there are serious concerns about the environmental and esthetic effects from such an operation. Upon motion of Comm. LeMarbre, seconded by Comm. Decker, the Committee voted to approve a resolution going on record as against an asphalt plant on Old Hickory Lake.

9d. Enhanced Medicaid-Reimbursement Program for County. Comm. Pomeroy moved, seconded by Comm. LeMarbre, to approve the resolution regarding enhanced Medicaid-Reimbursement program for the County. Chairman Goode declared the resolution approved unanimously by the body.

10. Certificates of Recognition. There was none.

11a. Zoning Request – Larkspur Conservation, Inc. (First Reading) Comm. Pomeroy moved, seconded by Comm. Langford, to docket the first reading of the Larkspur Conservation, Inc., rezoning. Chairman Goode declared the resolution approved unanimously by the body.

Adjournment. Upon motion of Comm. Pomeroy and duly seconded by Comm. LeMarbre, the Committee adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Prepared by Maria Savage

**LIABILITY CLAIMS COMMITTEE BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
DECEMBER 5, 2016**

Paul Decker
Billy Geminden
Alice Bachman

Leah Dennen
Lauren Walker
Kim White
Michael Sweat

The Liability Claims Committee Board meeting was called to order at approximately 4:00 p.m. in the Law Director's Conference Room on December 5, 2016.

Minutes: A motion was made by Mr. Geminden, seconded by Ms. Bachman, to accept the October 2016 minutes. Motion passed

Medical Payments: Motion was made by Mr. Geminden, seconded by Ms. Bachman, to accept the medical payments for October and November 2016. Motion passed.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

JL – Claim discussed.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Mr. Geminden, seconded by Ms. Bachman, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:20 p.m.

Approved by:

Chairperson

Date

**MINUTES
COURTHOUSE
AD HOC COMMITTEE
LESLIE SCHELL, CHAIRMAN
MARCH 1, 2017**

Present:

Leslie Schell, Chairman
Shawn Fennell, Gallatin City Council
Larry Hinton
Kevin Pomeroy
Baker Ring
Kathryn Strong, Circuit Court Clerk
Bill Taylor
Circuit Court Judge Joe Thompson
Criminal Court Judge Dee Gay
Laura Baigert, citizen
Paul R. Goode
Michael Guthrie, Absent

Also Present:

Anthony Holt, County Executive
Leah Dennen, County Law Director
Lauren Walker, Law Office
David Lawing, Finance Director

The meeting of the Courthouse Ad Hoc Committee was brought to order on Monday, March 1, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. in the Sumner County Administration Building. Criminal Court Judge Dee Gay gave the invocation. Chairman Schell declared a quorum present to conduct business.

Approval of Agenda. Chairman Schell recognized Comm. Goode who moved to place Recognition of the Pubic at the heel of the agenda. Comm. Bill Taylor seconded and the Committee approved the amendment to the agenda unanimously. Comm. Goode moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Comm. Pomeroy. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes of December 19, 2016. Upon motion of Comm. Bill Taylor, seconded by Comm. Goode, the Committee voted to approve the December 19, 2016, minutes.

Report of the Chairman. Chairman Schell reported that upon discussion of judiciary and courtroom needs, the expertise of a planner emerged as a dominant theme. As a result, the Chairman sent out a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a judicial planner.

7. Business

7a. Jerry Preston – Judicial Planner needs. Chairman Schell recognized Jerry Preston, the Project Director for the \$73 million Rutherford County courthouse and jail renovation.

Mr. Preston, a Gallatin resident, stated that the Murfreesboro project, based on a 30-year plan, encompasses a 200,000 square-foot facility with 12 courtrooms and the potential to add four more. This expansion includes a parking garage with 359 spaces. He said this project replaces a judicial building and is located two blocks off the square. The old judicial building and the historical courthouse will be repurposed.

Mr. Preston presented the following:

A Judicial System Road Map for the next thirty years

Strategic Plan by a Judicial Planner

County population projections and comparison with other counties

2017 - 181,647

2047 - 279,664

Comparison with other counties

Population and judgeships

Trial Court filings per judge

General Sessions filings per judge

Criminal Justice Systems factors

Offenses/arrests – analysis and projections

Sworn officers -- analysis and projections

Trial Court Analysis and Projections

Chancery Court projections

Circuit Civil and Criminal projections

Judgeship projections

Master and Magistrate projections

General Sessions Court Analysis and Projections

Non-traffic projections

Traffic projections

Judgeship projections

Staff Projections

Circuit Clerk

Clerk and Master

Space Projections and Cost Estimates

Thirty Year Court Mix projections

Planning standards

Building space and cost estimates

Parking and cost estimates

Potential Implementation Schedule

Long term expansion plan

Implementation Strategy

1. Strategic plan by a Judicial Planner
Rutherford County, Davidson County and Montgomery County
 2. With a clear courts plan, hire an Architect to do a Master Plan for the courts and jail
 - Review jail conditions and establish options
 - Study of existing jail site
 - Review and establish real estate options for courts and jail
 - Develop a facility program for the courts and jail
 - Develop an overall project budget
 3. Once real estate direction is established begin to pursue property purchases
 4. Hire an Architect to implement the project
 5. Hire a Construction Manager/General Contractor for pre-construction and construction services
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Mr. Preston said the implementation of the Murfreesboro plan went well because of the strategic and master plan was followed. Mr. Preston said it was important to get on and stay on the right road. If the County picks an experienced firm, he said they can help develop and implement a proper plan.

The historical Rutherford County courthouse will be repurposed for use as county offices, most likely. The Committee discussed the built-in safety features, such as elevators and holding areas for inmates in the Rutherford County plan. Elevators for judiciary and personnel are separate from inmates.

Rutherford County appropriated \$5 million for planners, architects, a construction manager, land and demolition. Afterwards, the commissioners approved the project unanimously. Mr. Preston functions through the Public Building Authority (PBA) as project director and owner representative for the project.

The Rutherford County Commission approved a Public Building Authority to operate as a non-profit governmental entity, charged with overseeing building projects. Leah Dennen cautioned about the independence of the PBA from the County Commission.

7b. Judicial Facility Planner RFQs

Chairman Schell stated that the following four firms responded to the RFQ:

- Justice Planning Associates, Inc. , Columbia, SC
- Johnson + Associates Architects, LLC, Goodlettsville, TN
- McClaren Wilson & Lawrie, Inc., Phoenix, AZ
- COPE Architecture, Knoxville, TN

After discussion, Comm. Goode moved, seconded by Comm. Ring, to approve and recommend hiring Justice Planning Associates, Inc. Chairman Schell stated that this proposal would go to the General Operations Committee and the Budget Committee for approval, and then be forwarded to the County Commission.

Judge Dee Gay made the following statement regarding conflict of interest:

As the sitting Criminal Court Judge of Sumner County and as a member of this Committee, I want to disclose that this Committee will be involved, discuss, plan and vote on matters that could affect the operation of criminal court its office, employees, and clerks that service Criminal Court.

Pursuant to that issue, I have sought and received two opinions: One, from our Sumner County Law Director; and two, from Judge Allen Glenn, a Judge on our court of Criminal Appeals and Ethics Advisor the for the state trial judges. The opinion and the laws is

-that there is no conflict here as there will be no personal benefit to me

-any benefit or changes will only affect the office that I serve and the Criminal Justice System of which I am a part.

Judge Joe Thompson stated a similar disclosure for matters regarding of Circuit Court.

Chairman Schell declared the motion approved unanimously. Ms. Dennen stated once the approval process had been completed, then this Committee will give the planner its marching orders. She further said that that she and the Chairman would attempt to get a cost bracket from the firm.

7c. Discussion of Courthouse needs

Chairman Schell recognized Shawn Fennell, City of Gallatin Council member, who questioned the underlying reasons for pursuing a comprehensive plan for a judicial complex.

Chairman Schell listed several reasons as follows:

- Cost of band-aiding judicial buildings
- Cost containment
- Phased in construction process
- Courthouse building needs a lot of work – mold and pipes
- County population growth

Ms. Dennen responded saying that the jail is in fairly good shape. She said there will always be settling of a foundation.

Comm. Pomeroy stated that County population growth dictates an overall look at the county's future needs.

Chairman Schell recognized Sumner County Finance Director David Lawing who explained the following cost to run the buildings:

Location	Fiscal Year <u>2015</u>	Fiscal Year <u>2016</u>	Total 2 years
Undefined-location	\$ 149,590	\$ 252,492	\$ 402,082
Courthouse	196,302	902,322	1,098,624
Juvenile Court	17,709	5,772	23,481
General Sessions	47,036	104,680	151,716
Sheriff	20,442	17,295	37,737
Jail	1,141,468	803,008	1,971,475

Maintenance agreements on HVAC units are a big part of the cost.

The current year will be very similar, except that the Commission designated \$2.8 million for the jail and General Sessions roof repairs and replacement, among other things. He said \$3.8 million was set aside for general repairs at the Courthouse, part of which has been used for a boiler (\$70,000) and a dehumidifier (118,000.00). The County spent \$4.1 million repairing sewer pipes in the Jail during the 2013-2014 year.

Mr. Lawing commented on funding sources as follows:

- Capacity for Short-term debt available in the Capital Projects Fund is \$1.3 million.
- Current long-term debt capacity is \$60 million based on 20-year amortizations assuming interest rates maintain relative stability and not counting growth to debt service.

- With no revenue growth or rates increases factored in, future debt capacity for 2023 would be \$75-80 million and 2024 would be \$120-145 million.

County Executive Anthony Holt stated these figures represent the maximum capacity, including school building programs.

7d. Future Activities Chairman Schell reported that the approval process for the judicial planner will proceed through the appropriate committees until it reaches the Commission. If the planner is approved, then Chairman Schell will confer with Ms. Dennen about the next steps to take.

Comm. Pomeroy stated that he needed an approximate amount of cost in order to present to the Budget Committee. Ms. Dennen stated that she would set up a conference call with the planner to get cost parameters.

Comm. Goode suggested adding the Sumner County Bar Association to the email list.

Recognition of the Public

Clay Haynes of 814 Boscobel Street in Nashville, an adaptive re-use developer, said an existing commitment to the historic judicial facility and upfront commitment to keeping the Courthouse will drive the focus. He suggested the Committee and private stakeholders visit Murfreesboro to talk to peers about the process.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. after a motion by Comm. Pomeroy, seconded by Comm. Goode.

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