

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES 11-26-97

DICK PUCKETT AND WALTER WOOD MET IN THE COMMISSIONERS OFFICE AT 9:00 A.M. ON NOVEMBER 26, 1997.

THE FIRST ITEM DISCUSSED WAS THE NAME OF THE RENOVATED COUNTY COMPLEX. A COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF PETE BECK OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DIRECTOR GARY TYLER AND KAREN LENTZ OF THE VISITORS AND TRAVEL BUREAU SUGGESTED THE FOLLOWING NAMES; KENESAW MOUNTAIN LANDIS, M. CLIFFORD TOWNSEND, WILLIS VAN DEVANTER, GEORGE W. STEELE AND THE FORMAL NAME OF "THE JOHN DOE BUILDING" WITH THE COMMON NAME BEING THE GRANT COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUILDING, GRANT COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING OR THE GRANT COUNTY SERVICE BUILDING. THE COMMISSIONERS DECIDED ON THE GRANT COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING.

THE COMMISSIONERS THEN MET WITH JOHN WEBSTER TO DISCUSS THE SICK DAY AND VACATION DAY POLICY. THE POLICY OF BUYING BACK SICK DAYS WHEN AN EMPLOYEE WHO HAS WORKED MORE THAN 10 YEARS QUILTS OR RETIRES WAS DISCUSSED. MR. WEBSTER STATED HE HAD ONLY HAD 3 PEOPLE RETIRE IN 17 YEARS.

JAY WALTERS DISCUSSED THE 7 HOUR VERSES 8 HOUR WORK DAY. HE TOLD THE COMMISSIONERS THAT THE OFFICES HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN 9 TO 5 AND 8 TO 4:30 BEFORE BEING SET AT 8 TO 4. THE OFFICES ARE NOT CLOSED AT LUNCH, GIVING THE TAXPAYERS AN EIGHT HOUR DAY IN WHICH TO DO BUSINESS.

WALTER WOOD SUGGESTED LEAVING THE VACATION POLICY AS IS AND SETTING A POLICY ON SICK DAYS.

HAVING A "RETIREMENT" PARTY IN HONOR OF GENE JOHNSON WHO HAS BEEN THE COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR 30 YEARS WAS DISCUSSED.

AT 10:00 A.M. THE COMMISSIONERS MET WITH JOE MRAK AND JIM SMITH OF RQAW, COUNCILMEN DAVE GREEN, JOE ISAACS, TIM ENYEART AND PAUL BAKER, JAY WALTERS, SHERIFF JOHN LAWSON, CAPTAIN MIKE BACK AND CAPTAIN MIKE ROSS, JUDGE TOM WRIGHT, AUDITOR JUDY CARMICHAEL AND CATHY KIGHTLINGER OF THE CHRONICLE.

DISCUSSION WAS ON USING THE SEARS BUILDING FOR THE DETENTION CENTER. CALLED "OPTION SEVEN", IT WAS EXPLAINED AS FOLLOW;

A. THE OLDEST PART OF THE SEARS BUILDING - FURTHEST NORTH- 26,000 SQUARE FEET

WOODEN STRUCTURE, FLOORS, COLUMNS AND BEAMS
CANNOT HOUSE KIDS IN WOOD - COULD USE FOR OFFICES

B. THE NEXT SECTION - 26,000 SQUARE FEET - 2 STORIES AND BASEMENT
STEEL AND CONCRETE - MORE FLEXIBILITY

C. TIRE AND BATTERY PORTION - SOUTH SIDE OF ALLEY
STEEL AND MASONRY - OPEN - 13,000 SQUARE FEET
VERY USABLE

D. GARAGE AND MAINTENANCE AREA - LIGHT CONSTRUCTION
ROW OF COLUMNS - USABLE SPACE
IN THIS OPTION WOULD BE USED AS TAKE-IN CENTER

TO CREATE A "CAMPUS" ATMOSPHERE THE CITY WOULD NEED TO CLOSE 5TH STREET

TO BE USED FOR GREEN SPACE AND PARKING. STAFF PARKING SHOULD
BE
SEPARATE FROM VISITORS

PROPOSED USAGE:

BUILDING A - NOT USED AT THE PRESENT TIME

BUILDING B - DETENTION CENTER, ADMINISTRATION, MAIN LOBBY
WARMING KITCHEN AND DINING.
HEARING ROOM
4 CELL BLOCKS - 1 CONTROL WITH 2 BLOCKS OF 16 BEDS EACH
AND 2 OF 8 BEDS EACH.
WOULD USE PREFABRICATED METAL CELLS.
WALL BETWEEN A & B WOULD BE FIRE WALL.

BUILDING C & D TOGETHER - IN-BAY AND SALLY PORT
HOLDING CELLS
BOOKING COUNTER WITH EXCELLENT OBSERVATION OF IN-TAKE
AND

OUTDOOR RECREATION
MULTI-PURPOSE - INDOOR RECREATION
SPACE IS OPEN MAKING GOOD ARGUMENT TO USE AS IS
REGARDING
CEILING HEIGHT.

DISCUSSED HAVING PERIMETER FENCE - NOT MANDATORY BUT IS STANDARD.

JUDGE WRIGHT ASKED WHERE THE KIDS WOULD BE FED.
JOE MRAK ANSWERED THAT DETENTION KIDS WOULD BE FED IN ROOMS
AND SHELTER CARE IN DINING ROOM.

2ND FLOOR WOULD BE 12 SHELTER CARE WITH 6 ROOMS OF 2 BEDS
CONTROL AREA - PROGRAM SPACE - QUIET ROOM - COULD BE OFFICE
JUDGE WRIGHT SAID SHELTER CARE WAS DEFINITELY NEEDED, AS USING
OUT OF COUNTY IS EXPENSIVE.
NEED TO PROVIDE ELEVATOR - PUT OF ALLEY - CENTRALLY LOCATED - CAN BE
SECURED

4 CLASSROOMS - RESTROOMS

CONTROL ROOM WOULD HAVE REFLECTIVE GLASS.

BASEMENT OF BUILDING A -
8600 SQUARE FEET - NEED TO PROVIDE STAIRS AND ELEVATOR
PROBATION AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
PROPERTY STORAGE AND MECHANICAL ROOM

COMMENTS:

DICK PUCKETT ASKED IF THE PARKING SPACE THAT HAD BEEN TAKEN BY CELL
BLOCK, HAD BEEN REGAINED IN THE FRONT. HE STATED THAT PARKING WAS
MORE IMPORTANT THAN KEEPING BUILDING A.

WALT ASKED ABOUT A TUNNEL FROM THE JAIL TO SEARS BUILDING.
MIKE BACK ASKED IF THE CURRENT STAFF COULD HAVE IN-PUT ON ANY
DECISIONS MADE AND THE
COMMISSIONERS AGREED THAT THAT WAS A "MUST".

TIM ENYEART STATED HIS CONCERN WAS WHAT TYPE OF VIOLATORS WE
WOULD BE FILLING THE DETENTION CENTER WITH AND HOW THE 48 BED
CENTER HAD BEEN DETERMINED.

MIKE ROSS STATED THAT IF WE COULD KEEP BOYS CURRENTLY SENT TO BOYS SCHOOL AT A RATE OF \$110 A DAY, THE COUNTY WOULD PAY HALF AND THE STATE WOULD PAY HALF. HE FURTHER STATED THAT THE STATE WANTS THE COUNTY TO KEEP THEIR OWN JUVENILES.

JUDGE WRIGHT REPORTED HE HAD DONE A SURVEY OF THE LAST 20 MONTHS AND THAT WE HAVE SPENT \$1.9 MILLION ON DELINQUENT PLACEMENTS AND \$1.9 MILLION ON CHINS (CHILDREN IN NEED OF SERVICES) AND APPROXIMATELY \$40,000 A MONTH ON SHELTER CARE.

IN SUMMARY - CONTACTED TOTH-IRVIN TO DO COST ESTIMATE - ARCHITECTS WILL GET BACK WITH COMMISSIONERS.

MEETING RECESSED AT 11:00 A.M.