

The Rush County Board of Commissioners and the Rush County Council met in special session Monday, July 3, 2017 at 8:00 a.m., with Commissioners Paul Wilkinson and Mark Bacon present. Council members Janet Kile, Warren Norris, Charles Smith, and Marvin Hedrick were present along with Jodi Harr Auditor and Attorney Leigh Morning.

Commissioner Paul Wilkinson and Councilwoman Janet Kile called both boards to order.

The purpose of the meeting was to review the jail construction project and the financing of the project.

Ron Jarman gave an update from the construction committee.

Commissioner Wilkinson noted the financial committee had not met but will hopefully meet this week.

Joe Hoffman from CCI reported on the updated construction cost that were given to Umbaugh to calculate bond amounts. The new total project cost is \$20,710,000 with the bond amount being \$14,910,000. There will be 107 beds created. CCI will be meeting with Razmus this morning regarding the demolition of the remaining buildings.

Jason Semler with Umbaugh presented the preliminary financing analysis. The first bond payment would be due July 1, 2020 in the amount of \$1,132,000. Based on the current estimates this will leave an additional \$854,997 per year of collected income tax for operating cost.

Eric Ratz with DLZ noted this a complete redesign of the project. The building has gone from a two story flat roof to a one story sloped roof over the administrative office section. The plumbing and electric will all have to be redesigned. He also asked for confirmation from CCI that the bid day construction cost need to be under \$14.4 million. Joe Hoffman stated yes. This figure includes design contingency and cost increase.

Councilman Smith asked if the commissioners have to approve the additional fees charged by DLZ. Commissioner Wilkinson said that the commissioners do need to approve and hopefully it will be ready for the July 10 commissioner meeting.

It was noted that the \$1,039,800 construction fees for CCI is an increase of \$177,800 over what was presented in April 2016. Commissioner Mark Bacon commented the county has to have

help with the increase of these fees. Joe Hoffman and Construction Manager Jack Krouse will look at what they can do to help with these cost increases.

Ratz wanted to clarify the goal is to start the construction as soon as possible and not wait for spring. Semler noted the project cannot start until the bond process is complete. He also noted that every month prior to January that you close the bonds could cost an additional \$40,000 in interest. CCI and DLZ will look at ways to get around this. It is agreed that the project needs to get started as soon as possible.

Bacon asked the council members if they were ok with the cost as presented today. Hedrick, Kile, Norris and Smith said yes as long as there is \$800,000 left for operations of the new facility. Norris expressed is concern as to whether construction bids will come in within this price range.

Sheriff Jim Cowan stated this redesign will meet the needs at the jail.

Kile clarified the building will be one story on the administrative side with a slope roof. It will include an area for Community Corrections. The cell area will be two story. The fiber hut will stay where it is. Hedrick added that the future expansion area would be into the parking area on the North side where the old jail sits now. All agreed.

Hoffman asked if the county wants DLZ to design a separate space for the second chiller. Commissioner Wilkinson asked if we can include the cost of moving the courthouse chiller in the jail project. County Attorney Leigh Morning and Jason Semlar will talk to Rick Hall at Umbaugh for guidance regarding this issue.

Mark Bacon made the motion to adjourn the commissioners. Paul Wilkinson seconded. Motion carried.

Charles Smith made the motion to adjourn the county council. Warren Norris seconded. Motion carried.

/Paul Wilkinson/  
Paul Wilkinson, Chairman

/Mark Bacon/  
Mark Bacon

/Bruce Levi/  
Bruce Levi

ATTEST:

/Jodi Harr/  
Jodi Harr, Auditor