

**Minutes of Work Session
Regarding the Lea County Judicial Complex Building
Lea County Board of Commissioners
December 17, 2015**

Chairman Fulfer called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m. in the Lea County Courthouse.

Commissioners present were, to wit: Commissioner Dale Dunlap District 1, Commissioner Rebecca Long District 2, Vice Chairman Ron Black District 3, Commissioner James H. Britton District 4, and Chairman Gregory H. Fulfer District 5.

Also present were County Manager Michael P. Gallagher II and County Attorney John W. Caldwell.

Commissioner Dunlap led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation by Vice Chairman Black.

ITEM 01: Discussion of the Lea County Judicial Complex Building

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 - Discussion of the Lea County Judicial Complex Building

Director Francke made comments concerning the history of the Courthouse and introduced Don May, Design Architect, with RMKM. Mr. May presented a power point presentation explaining the schedule, design plan, revisited the master plan. He introduced his team.

Andy Aguilar, with ARC made comments concerning the master plan, revisited needs, and the program update summary by power point.

David Williams, Project Architect with RMKM, presented a power point presentation concerning the growth in the area, the additional projected employees and staff, and the proposed available parking in the area.

Mr. May, made comments concerning the master plan, the down town site and the commercial site.

Miles Cook, Project Manager, RMKM, presented a power point presentation concerning the Judicial Complex design.

Mr. Williams, made comments concerning the downtown site, security and standoff distance.

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Mr. Cook made comments concerning the adjacency to the County service making it convenient for the community. The adjacency to the waste management site is an issue at the commercial site.

Mr. May made a comment concerning neighborhood character, which has to do with the appropriateness of the location of such a landmark facility. The downtown site is such a civic centroid to the community and the County it makes it an appropriate location. There are two locations that serve the community very well both are recommended by GSA.

Mr. Cook, made comments concerning the economic development initiatives, zoning, parking, and the vehicle and pedestrian traffic in the area. He made comments concerning the need for real estate needs for the downtown site, storm water run-off, some of the challenges for the downtown site.

Mr. May made comments concerning how much additional real estate is needed. Approximately 1.25 acres additional is needed for this project.

Mr. Williams presented the building diagrams for the downtown site, as well as the commercial site.

Mr. May made comments concerning the cost of the two sites, and the cost of a possible parking deck. He stated we have tried to be scientific, and unbiased in weighing the criteria of both sites.

Debra Hicks Civil Engineering, Pettigrew & Associates, made comments concerning storm drain offs.

There was considerable discussion concerning the Judicial Complex, a parking complex, the parking study, and lack of parking downtown, storm drain off, a security standoff, and the additional real estate needed for the downtown location.

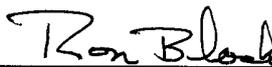
The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

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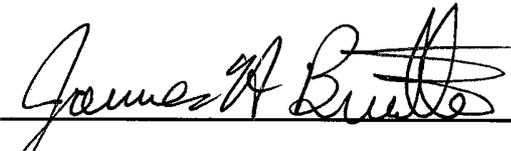
Gregory H. Fulfer, Chairman



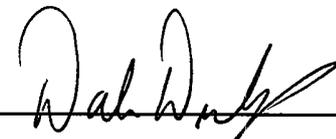
Ron Black, Vice Chairman



Rebecca Long, Member

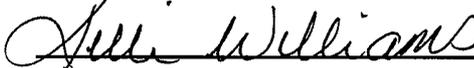


James H. Britton, Member



Dale Dunlap, Member

**ATTEST: Pat Chappelle
Lea County Clerk .**



Kelli Williams

