

HEALTH SERVICES / GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEES

June 3, 2010

Call to Order. Chair Bussie called the joint meeting of the Health Services Committee / General Services Committee to order at 1:00 P.M., Thursday, June 3, 2010 in Conference Room N-1 / N-2 on the fifth floor of the Rock County Courthouse-East.

Committee Members Present: Health Services Committee: Supervisors Bussie, Fizzell, Fox, Kuznacic, Johnson (1:17 P.M.); General Services Committee: Supervisors Brill, Combs, Heidenreich, Mawhinney and Owens (1:09 P.M.).

Committee Members Excused: None.

Staff Members Present: Rob Leu, General Services Director; Craig Knutson, County Administrator; Jeff Smith, Finance Director; Sherry Gunderson, Nursing Home Administrator; Dave Sudmeier, Controller.

Others Present: J. Russell Podzilni, County Board Chair.

Approval of Agenda: Supervisor Fizzell moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Supervisor Mawhinney. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation. None.

Rock Haven Update. Ms. Gunderson said the report came back that a renovation was not an option and we are ready to move forward with Schematic Design if the Committees so choose. Eppstein Uhen Architects feel they should be able to have the Schematic Design ready by the end of summer. They will have different designs dependent on the number of beds they will be planning for. A new building, even if we go with more beds, will save County Tax Levy dollars.

Supervisor Fizzell asked if there would be any changes if/when Family Care goes into effect? Ms. Gunderson said once Family Care would go into effect they would add to their patient base from the waiting list. The patients would probably be more medically complex.

Supervisor Fox asked if there had been any analyses or projections done for the next ten to twenty years? Ms. Gunderson replied the State has done a great job on this.

Supervisor Owens arrived at 1:09 P.M.

Supervisor Fox asked if there would be any benefits in maximizing the facility? Ms. Gunderson said they will continue to serve those who are not / cannot be served by other nursing homes. The format of the building would make us more marketable. It will be nice to have the medically complex and short stay residents near the therapy area.

Mr. Knutson said Medicaid only pays about 50% of the care and property tax pays the rest. As the facility gets bigger it costs more and has more regulatory problems.

Ms. Gunderson said the Schematic Design should give us a better idea on the format of the units and give us a better idea of what would work best for us as well what staffing needs would be.

Supervisor Combs asked if there is an estimated cost and how it will be funded? Mr. Knutson said it will be funded with borrowed money, which is appropriate in these cases.

Supervisor Johnson arrived at 1:17 P.M.

Supervisor Combs said if the Schematic Design is done some time in September they should be able to start in early 2011. Ms. Gunderson agreed and added it looks like they would be able to break ground about a year from now and it would take about 14 to 16 months to complete. She added that they have discussed bringing in other groups/people to bring in more revenue.

Supervisor Mawhinney asked about using sales tax dollars? Mr. Knutson said when Phase I of the Jail is done they would have more sales tax dollars, but he would not like to hazard a guess as to how much. There are also a number of costs associated with the Jail to come out as well as Phase I and whatever Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) projects are approved through the budget process.

Supervisor Fox asked what we would do with the existing facility? Mr. Knutson said we would need to know first if it would need to have a sprinkler system and, if so, then we are in the same situation. We will probably have to mothball it.

Supervisor Owens asked where we stand on state licensing? Ms. Gunderson replied we are licensed for 130 beds at this time. When we decide how many beds we want to accommodate we will notice the State and when the building is done the State will re-license us. It is important to know the number of beds as it takes about a year to downsize by not accepting any new patients.

Supervisor Mawhinney asked if we would have flexibility if say dementia need goes down and something else goes up? Ms. Gunderson replied they are looking for flexibility just for these reasons.

Supervisor Combs asked about the site for the new building with Ms. Gunderson replying there are a number of options for the architects to look at and the Schematic Design will help show where it would best go.

Health Services Committee Recommendation Relative to Construction of a New Nursing Home.

Supervisor Fizzell moved the resolution Awarding Contract for Architectural Services Through Schematic Design for a New Rock Haven Facility for the Health Services Committee, second by Supervisor Kuznacic.

Mr. Knutson said the costs on lines 18 and 19 are now filled in. Supervisor Heidenreich asked what the operating costs are now, with Mr. Sudmeier replying about \$16 million with about \$6 million in tax levy. Supervisor Owens said the operating costs for the new building should go down because there will not be an elevator and the heating/cooling costs would go down on a newer one-floor facility.

ADOPTED.

Resolution

Awarding Contract for Architectural Services Through Schematic Design for a New Rock Haven Facility.

“**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this ____ day of _____, 2010 does hereby authorize a contract with Eppstein Uhen Architects of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in the amount of \$224,000, plus reimbursable expenses not to exceed \$5,000 for Architectural/Engineering Services through Schematic Design relating to the construction of a new Rock Haven facility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that payments be made to the vendor upon approval of the General Services Committee.”

Supervisor Mawhinney moved the above resolution for the General Services Committee, second by Supervisor Brill. ADOPTED.

Adjournment. Supervisor Owens moved adjournment at 1:36 P.M., second by Supervisor Brill. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Bondehagen
Secretary II

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