



Mr. Van Etten stated financially the project budget was \$8.7 million and we are under budget; does that include contingencies? Mr. Wheeler replied we have used quite a bit of the contingency. The total project budget is \$8.9 million if you include the Records shelving. We are down to \$10,000 - \$15,000 with the contingencies out. There were some unexpected costs such as the unsuitable soil and the addition of the third floor.

Mr. Swackhamer asked what was the contingency? Mr. Wheeler replied \$60,000. Mr. Webb commented we expect some minor additions that would be in the area of \$1,500 - \$2,000. He cannot see anything else big coming in at this point. Mr. Swackhamer commented they have done a good job.

2. **Hornell Courthouse** – Mr. Wheeler stated that he and the Ms. Prossick have had conversations with the City of Hornell on where they stand with taking the courthouse. We were finally able to find the resolution that the City of Hornell adopted in December. According to the resolution, the City of Hornell is in possession and the position in a legal sense is that they already accepted the property. We were notified by the City of Hornell that there were some individuals interested in the courthouse and there are a couple of options. We originally gave the City until April 1, 2018 to make a decision. Mr. Wheeler commented the committee can stay with that recommendation and we can have the Law Department send a letter stating that they have a certain number of days to record the deed and accept the property or we will proceed with a public auction. The other option is to give them more time.

Ms. Lattimer stated she would not give them more time. Mr. Van Etten stated he wouldn't either. Mr. Wheeler stated we had a deal with the City of Hornell and for a number of reasons, they chose not to complete the final step. We will send a letter directing them that they have 10 business days or two weeks to record the deed. This gives them the impetus to get it done. It also gives them time, as we will not be having an auction next week, so they can come back to you. Ms. Lattimer suggested it be 10 business days.

**MOTION: DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER AND THE LAW DEPARTMENT TO DRAFT A LETTER TO THE CITY OF HORNELL INDICATING THAT THEY HAVE TEN BUSINESS DAYS TO RECORD THE DEED FOR OWNERSHIP OF THE HORNELL COURTHOUSE BEFORE IT WILL BE PUT UP FOR AUCTION MADE BY MR. VAN ETTEN. SECONDED BY MR. SCHU FOR DISCUSSION.**

Mr. Hauryski stated this was brought up back in October. Mr. Wheeler stated you actually made a motion in October or November. Mr. Hauryski stated Mr. Hogan was in charge at that time and he has been after Mr. Wheeler about this almost weekly since then. The City has put this off and he is tired of dancing around.

Mr. Malter commented Mr. Griffin has indicated to him that he is not interested in the building.

Mr. Donnelly stated we will put a placeholder in the tax auction and it will sell in the sequence that it normally would. We can also take it out of the auction if you choose. Mr. Van Etten asked given the nature of the building, would it be better to keep it separate? Mr. Donnelly replied we could probably get someone to sell it right on site.

Ms. Prossick stated that she spoke with the City Attorney, Joe Pelych, and they have had the deed signed since December 19, 2017. He said he would get me an answer today.

**VOTE ON PREVIOUS MOTION: ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.**

3. **Moving Costs** – Mr. Van Etten asked do you have any idea of the cost to the County to move into the new building? Mr. Wheeler replied we have been using the Mobile Work Crews. The furniture will be difficult. We did budget new furniture for the conference areas into the budget. The voting machines, there is a cost every time you move them, however, now we will have a loading dock system so it should be easier.

**MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY MR. VAN ETTEN. SECONDED BY MR. SCHU. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 5-0.**

Respectfully Submitted by

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Steuben County Legislature