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THE MINNEHAHA COUNTY BUILDING COMMITTEE CONVENED AT 7:30 A.M. January 7, 2020, pursuant to adjournment on August 6, 2019. Committee Members present were: Barth, Bender, Beninga, Heiberger, Karsky, Kriens, Litz, and Muller.

MOTION by Barth, seconded by Heiberger, to approve the August 6, 2019, Building Committee Meeting Minutes. 8 ayes.

FACILITIES TASKFORCE

Craig Dewey, Assistant Commission Administrative Officer, and Committee Member Bender led the discussions. Mr. Dewey gave a briefing on the opportunities identified by the Facilities Taskforce to move forward with renovations and construction of County facilities. Dick Stassburg, Tegra Group, spoke on his thoughts regarding renovation/construction projects for the Highway Department, the Minnehaha County Administration Building, and the Public Safety Building; how Tegra could be involved; and potential next steps.

Committee Member Bender brought up for discussion, setting up committees for the Highway Project, the Administration Building Project, and the Juvenile Detention Center (JDC) Project. These committees would begin the process, start answering necessary questions to move forward with plans for renovation and/or construction, and make recommendations to the Building Committee in February.

The JDC court room renovation and sally port was discussed. Jamie Gravett, JDC Director, spoke on a report expected to be received in April 2020 regarding the court room renovations. In response to the suggestion that the JDC project be funded out of cash, Kim Adamson, Finance & Budget Officer, stated concerns with that the project is not budgeted in 2020, and there is not cash available in the Building Fund to cover the project at this time.

Commissioner Beninga noted that the Metro Communications facility should also be considered while working on these projects.

The Committee discussed land sales of the County Corrections Center (CCC) and the gravel pit as revenue sources to fund the proposed projects. Ms. Adamson, spoke on the use of insurance proceeds from the fire at the CCC to pay off outstanding bonds on the property. DJ Buthe, Highway Superintendent, spoke on the current use of the gravel pit and a section of 40 acres that could be sold. Joe Bosman, Deputy Sheriff Captain, spoke on the use of the gravel pit as a shooting range.

The Committee discussed space to hold the 2020 election activities. Bob Litz, Auditor, proposed that the County owned property at 908 N West Ave, Sioux Falls, be used as a precinct. The Multi-Cultural Center and the KSFY building were discussed as potential options. Auditor Litz spoke in favor of the Multi-Cultural Center due to its location on the County Campus. Network connectivity was a primary concern regarding the location for election day activities. Monte Watembach, Information Technology Director, spoke on the different options for network connectivity between the two proposed sites. Auditor Litz also spoke on preferring to stay in the current location at the Extension Building through the Primary Election activities if possible. Committee Member Bender advised Auditor Litz and Mr. Watembach to work together to form a pro and con list regarding the best location for election day activities.

Upon the request of Committee Member Muller, Mr. Strassburg spoke on the importance of planning ahead with these three major projects.

MOTION by Heiberger, seconded by Karsky, to adjourn. 8 ayes.

APPROVED BY THE BUILDING COMMITTEE:
Jean Bender

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Building Committee Chair

ATTEST:

Olivia Larson

Deputy Auditor

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