

**DEARBORN COUNTY JOINT MEETING BETWEEN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND COUNTY COUNCIL
Wednesday, May 26, 2015
6:00 p.m., Commissioners Room
County Administration Building
215 B West High Street, Lawrenceburg, Indiana**

CALL TO ORDER:

Roll Call.

Present: Dennis Kraus Sr., Liz Morris, Bill Ullrich, Dan Lansing, Charlie Keyes, Randy Lyness, Ryan Brandt.

Present: Shane McHenry, Art Little, Kevin Lynch, Gayle Pennington, Auditor, Andrew Baudendistel, County Attorney, Terri Randall, County Administrator.

Maxwell Construction – Lisa and Brad Rullman

DLZ – Scott, Eric Ratz

Randy Lyness read his disclosure of contract into the record. Auditor will file for him with the Clerk and SBOA.

Motion to accept disclosure moved by Kevin Lynch, Seconded by Art Little.

DLZ presented – review of the project and discussion.

Partial Basement

Brad Rullman – A partial basement would be a deduct amount of \$500,000.00. Partial basement will be unusable in the future.

First Floor

Second Floor

Third floor – no modifications here it could be used as the Magistrates Court

The commissioners meeting room will go to 1st floor annex and have public enter at night meetings in the lobby area for security.

Eric – another option of exterior façade. Trying to connect the two buildings and blend more to the 1870 Courthouse.

Brad Rullman- Modified East Entry will be \$11,040,000.00 with full basement unfinished.

Rounded Glass entry \$11.2 million with full basement

Greek Revival Entry \$11.4 million with full basement

Parking concerns have been addressed by paving the area between the jail and EMA.

Liz Morris is concerned that half a million is a tidy sum. There is not a lot of available space on the campus to use in next 30 yrs.

The average department size 6,000 - 7,000 sq. ft. 25 – 30 sq. ft. is stairs and hallways. Total sq. ft. of the courthouse is 17,643 sq. ft. and new design is 36,000 sq. ft. with a full basement.

Once a design is approved what is the timeline? 5 months to complete design, and send out to bid 1 mo. 17 – 18 months for construction

Judge McLaughlin – spoke about what is suitable for the people who come to court and what their needs are. What was suitable in 1871 is not suitable now. We are not ADA compliant, not accommodating to jury duty, not secure for public or employees. Children or general public are co-mingled with criminals in custody. There is no privacy for attorney client, or children, no information desk, no protection for the security guard, we have fire hazard. If there is not enough space, the jury can hear the defendants and attorneys. This is not fair and impartial. The plan has been ongoing for 15 years. The three judges have worked together to make things work. We should have pride in our system of justice.

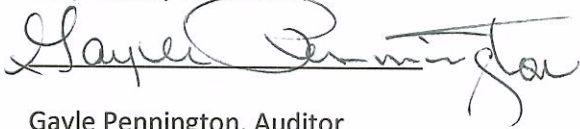
Judge Cleary – two issues – space – stats. He stated that mistrial motions occur because of small spaces and things being overheard.
Indiana went from 49,543 new felony cases to now having 66,324.
He has the pride issue also. Courthouses say a lot about a community.

Aaron Negangard gave the history. County Council has committed to a 3rd Court. Dearborn County has asked for the 3rd court and has a statutory obligation to provide space. We don't want to be penny wise and pound foolish to not spend the money now. We can be sued. All surrounding counties have built additions or a new building.

Shane said that the next Commissioners meeting will be an evening meeting. They will open public comment and also make a suggestion of design for approval.

Motion to adjourn moved by Art Little, Seconded by Kevin Lynch at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted;

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gayle Pennington", written in black ink.

Gayle Pennington, Auditor