

**Transcript of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
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BOARD BRIEFING

Chair Deborah Kafoury called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. with Vice-Chair Diane McKeel and Commissioners Loretta Smith and Judy Shiprack present. Commissioner Jules Bailey was excused.

Also attending were Jenny Madkour, County Attorney, and Marina Baker, Assistant Board Clerk.

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Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME TO OUR BRIEFING ON THE CENTRAL COURTHOUSE REPLACEMENT. COME ON DOWN. GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING CHAIR, COMMISSIONERS. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

>> Chair Kafoury: PEOPLE IN TVLAND.

>> AS WE -- I'M WITH PROPERTY MANAGEMENT. I'M HERE TO INTRODUCE THIS ITEM FOR YOU. AS WE PROMISED LAST MONTH, WHEN YOU APPROVE THE SITE SOLICITATION FOR A NEW CENTRAL COURTHOUSE, WE ARE BACK BEFORE YOU THIS MONTH TO BRIEF YOU ON THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR STATE COURTS COURTHOUSE PROGRAMMING REPORT. TO SET THE STAGE FOR THIS BRIEFING, YOU'LL PROBABLY REMEMBER THAT BACK IN JULY 2013, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED A CONTRACT WITH THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR STATE COURTS. THAT CONTRACT CALLED ON THE CENTER TO PRODUCE A REPORT PROVIDING THE COUNTY WITH ITS NATIONAL EXPERTISE IN COURTHOUSE MASTER PLANNING, OPERATIONS, PROGRAMMING, AND LAYOUT. THIS REPORT IS ONE OF THE MORE ESSENTIAL STEPS FORWARD ON A NEW CENTRAL COURTHOUSE BECAUSE IT PRODUCES ALL THE SCENARIOS FOR YOU TO CONSIDER AS A BOARD WHEN IT COMES TO THE SCOPE OF THIS PROJECT. THAT PROGRAMMING SCOPE, AS WELL AS THE SITE THIS BOARD ULTIMATELY SELECTS WILL HELP YOU AS BOARD TO GET A GOOD COST ESTIMATE FOR THIS PROJECT, ALONG WITH A PLAN TO FINANCE IT. IN OTHER WORDS, THE PROGRESS WE'RE MAKING NOW TO FIND A NEW SITE AND TO FIGURE OUT WHAT GOES INTO THE NEW COURTHOUSE WILL MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE THE BEST POSSIBLE CENTRAL COURTHOUSE PLAN, THE FUNDS, AND THE FINANCING WILL FOLLOW. TODAY WE PLAN TO PROVIDE WITH YOU A PROJECT UPDATE ON THE PROGRAMMING PHASE, THE NATIONAL

CENTER FOR STATE COURTS REPORT WILL BE FINALIZED BY THE END OF THIS WEEK. THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR STATE COURTS IS A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED GROUP WHEN IT COMES TO PLANNING FOR A COURTHOUSE TO MEET THE MOST CURRENT SAFETY AND OPERATIONAL STANDARDS. LET'S TALK FOR A MOMENT ABOUT JUST WHAT PROGRAMMING IS IN THE CONTEXT OF THIS CENTRAL COURTHOUSE PROJECT. SIMPLY PUT, IT IS THE EXERCISE OF DECIDING WHAT FUNCTIONS ARE BEST HOUSED IN THE CENTRAL COURTHOUSE, WHILE BALANCING BOTH THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATIONAL COSTS TO BUILD THAT NEW COURTHOUSE. MR. DESCHAMPS WILL TAKE FROM YOU HERE.

>> THANK YOU, CLIFF. MY NAME IS J.D. DESCHAMPS, COURTHOUSE MANAGER FOR THE PROJECT. AS DISCUSSED AT THE START OF THE PRESENTATION, THE PROGRAM WILL INFORM OUR ANALYSIS OF SITE SELECTION AND COST. WE PLAN TO CONTINUE HAVING OUR KEY STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS TO REVIEW THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR STATE COURTS PROGRAM TO ALIGN IT WITH COUNTY AND COMMUNITY VALUES. WE AIM TO DEVELOP A REFERENCE DESIGNED CONCEPT THAT WILL HELP US TO EVALUATE SITES SO WE CAN MAKE A GOOD RECOMMENDATION FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AS A BOARD. A REFERENCE DESIGN IS AN ARCHITECTURAL LAYOUT THAT STUDIES WHAT COURTHOUSE FUNCTIONS SHOULD BE NEXT TO EACH OTHER FOR HEIGHTENED SECURITY AND THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY. WHILE A REFERENCE DESIGN DEFINES ALL THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF THE COURTHOUSE, IT'S IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT IT'S ALL STARTING POINT THAT WILL BE DEFINED DURING AND MODIFIED DURING FINAL DESIGN. REFERENCE DESIGN IS KEY BECAUSE IT LETS US DEVELOP A PROJECT BUDGET FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT TO REALIZE THAT THE BOARD HAS SEVERAL KEY DECISION POINTS IN THE MONTHS AHEAD. SO HERE'S A CONCEPT YOU'LL BE HEARING A LOT ABOUT IN THE MONTHS AHEAD. BASED UPON FUNCTIONAL PROGRAM, BFP. THIS IS AN ESSENTIAL CONCEPT TO GUIDE THE BOARD SO THE COURTHOUSE IS FUNCTIONAL AND EFFICIENT FOR DECADES TO COME. SO THIS IS WHERE THE RUBBER HITS THE ROAD WHERE WE GET INTO SOME OF THE DETAILS. THE BFP ENVISION AS NEW CENTRAL COURTHOUSE BETWEEN 340 AND 360,000 SQUARE FEET. IT ENVISIONS A BUILDING THAT HAS 40 COURTROOMS AND WILL SERVE OUR COMMUNITY FOR AT LEAST THE NEXT 80 YEARS. AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, THE NEW CENTRAL COURTHOUSE WOULD REPLACE THE CURRENTLY STRUCTURALLY OBSOLETE CENTRAL COURTHOUSE WITH A BUILDING THAT IS SEISMICALLY SAFE. IT WILL ALSO ADDRESS SECURITY ISSUES WHERE CRIMINAL DEFENDANTS ARE ESCORTED THROUGH THE SAME HALLWAYS THAT JUDGES, WITNESSES, AND JURORS USE. ONE MORE THING BEFORE I GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE. THE CURRENT COURTHOUSE IS ROUGHLY 292,000 SQUARE FEET. AND IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE A NEW BUILDING, IT'S BUILT TO 21st CENTURY COURTHOUSE STANDARDS, WOULD AUTOMATICALLY RESULT IN A BUILDING ROUGHLY 20% LARGER TO ADDRESS THE SAFETY AND SECURITY ISSUES THAT WE DISCUSSED EARLIER ABOUT SEPARATING THE

PRISONERS IN CUSTODY FROM JURORS AND THE PUBLIC. I'D LIKE TO NOW TURN IT OVER TO THE OWNERS REPRESENTATIVE MIKE DAY OF DAY CPM.

>> GOOD MORNING CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS.

>> Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING.

>> WE'RE GOING TO MOVE INTO KIND OF THE NEXT SLIDE, WHICH REALLY IS ABOUT THE PRIORITIZATION OF THE BASE FUNCTIONAL PROGRAM. SO THE ORDER OF HOW THE PROGRAMMING GETS PRIORITIZED TO DETERMINE A BASE FUNCTIONAL PROGRAM FOR THE NEW CENTRAL COURTHOUSE IS REALLY WHAT THIS PRIORITIZATION MAPS OUT FROM KIND OF TEMPERATURES ONE THROUGH SIX. AS YOU CAN SEE FROM THE SLIDE, IT STARTS REALLY WITH WHAT THE ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS ARE TO THE COURTS, AND THOSE ANCILLARY FUNCTIONS THAT SUPPORT IT, AND WORKS DOWN TO AMENITIES AND THE NICE TO HAVES THAT MAY OR MAY NOT BE REQUIRED TO BE PART OF A NEW BUILDING DUE TO BOTH COST AND SPACE CONSTRAINTS. HERE'S WHAT'S CURRENTLY IN THAT BASE FUNCTIONAL PROGRAM THAT J.D. WAS REFERRING TO FOR THE NEW SEN TRAM COURTHOUSE. AS THE PROGRAMMING PHASE IS WRAPPING UP AND WE MOVE INTO THE REFERENCE DESIGN PHASE. AS YOU CAN SEE, AND AS J.D. MENTIONED A FEW MINUTES AGO, THE COURTHOUSE HAS 40 COURTROOMS AND AMPLE SPACE FOR JURORS TO DELIBERATE AS WELL AS TO ASSEMBLE WHILE THEY'RE WAITING TO BE CALLED TO HEAR A CASE. ANYONE WHO'S BEEN IN THE CURRENT FACILITIES AND BEEN ON JURY DUTY WILL DEFINITELY NOTE A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE IN TERMS OF CIRCULATION OF SPACE AND THE FUNCTION OF THE NEW CENTRAL COURTHOUSE AS IT'S ENVISIONED. THE BASE FUNCTIONAL PROGRAM ALSO OFFERS SPACE FOR D.A. OFFICE AS WELL AS FOR PROBATION AND FAMILY COURT SERVICES. I'D LIKE TO REITERATE THE BASE FUNCTIONAL PROGRAM WAS DONE IN CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH THE COURTHOUSE USER GROUPS, WITH KEY STAKEHOLDERS, AS WELL AS WITH THE JUDGES ADVISORY GROUP.

>> Comm. Smith: I HAVE A QUICK QUESTION. GOING BACK TO THAT D.A. WORK SPACE, DOES THAT MEAN THAT THE D.A.'S OFFICE IS GOING TO BE THERE, OR JUST A SPACE FOR THEM TO WORK?

>> THE CURRENT BASE FUNCTIONAL PROGRAM HAS THE D.A. OFFICE AS A SEPARATE ADJACENT COMPONENT THAT WOULD NOT BE PART OF THE BASE FUNCTIONAL PROGRAM, BUT THAT IS ONE OF THE THINGS THAT IS UNDER CONSIDERATION THAT WE'LL BE STUDYING FROM AN OPERATIONAL STANDPOINT TO LOOK AT THE OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCIES MUCH THE D.A. OFFICE AS IT RELATES TO THE CENTRAL COURTHOUSE FUNCTION.

>> Comm. Smith: THANK YOU. SORRY ABOUT THAT.

>> GOOD QUESTION.

>> Chair Kafoury: I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE, AND I'M SORRY IF YOU TALKED ABOUT THIS AT A PRIOR BRIEFING, BUT BECAUSE THE COURTHOUSE SPACE IS SO EXPENSIVE TO BUILD PER SQUARE FOOT, THAT UNLESS IT'S -- THERE'S -- THAT'S WHY THE CONVERSATION IS JUST ABOUT WHAT OF THESE ACTIVITIES COULD OCCUR IN CLASS A OFFICE SPACE NEXT DOOR, ACROSS THE STREET, THAT WOULD BE MUCH LESS EXPENSIVE PER SQUARE FOOT THAN THE COURTHOUSE DUE TO ALL THE SAFETY AND SECURITY AND EVERYTHING. AND ALSO TO NOTE NONE OF THESE -- THESE ARE ALL UNDER CONSIDERATION AND THERE'S NOT BEEN FINAL DECISIONS MADE.

>> RIGHT. SO RIGHT, ALL OF THOSE WILL BE COMING THROUGH OUR NEXT PROCESS AS PART OF THE REFERENCE DESIGN AS WE LOOK AT SITES, EVALUATE COSTS, LOOK AT OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCIES. AND AGAIN, I THINK OUTLINED HERE UNDER THE ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION ARE THOSE PROGRAM ELEMENTS THAT HAVE NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED AND ARE STILL IN THE WORKS AND UNDER REVIEW AND WILL REQUIRE FURTHER REVIEW WITH KEY STAKEHOLDER GROUPS. LET ME JUST EMPHASIZE THAT THIS IS A LIST THAT IS WHAT'S UNDER CONSIDERATION TO BE INCLUDED IN HOW THE OPERATIONAL ASPECTS RELATE TO SPECIFICALLY THE COURTHOUSE FUNCTION. THERE ARE MANY OPPORTUNITIES AND POSSIBILITIES TO REVIEW HOW AND WHERE THESE FUNCTIONS OPERATE, WHEN WE GO THROUGH THE COST AND SITE ANALYSIS PHASE WE'LL BE DEVELOPING IDEAS AND VETTING THOSE IDEAS WITH THE BOARD FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION. MOVING TO THE NEXT SLIDE HERE, THIS IS KIND OF THE OVERALL WRAP-UP OF THE NCSC PROGRAMMING EFFORT AND THEIR REPORT. CREATED A MASTER PLAN FOR LONG-TERM USE OF OTHER COURTHOUSE, COUNTY COURTHOUSE JUDICIAL FACILITIES. THE NEW CENTRAL COURTHOUSE WE'RE WORKING ON WILL LAST FOR DECADE AND WILL BE MANAGED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THESE OTHER PIECES OF THE COUNTY'S OVERALL PORTFOLIO, AND THEIR COURT CAPACITY. ON THIS SLIDE YOU'LL SEE THERE'S BUILT-IN FLEX BUILD IN THE COUNTY JUDICIAL FACILITIES WHICH ALLOWS FOR EXPANSION OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE BUILDING. EAST COUNTY COURTHOUSE, AS WELL AS THE JUSTICE CENTER AS THOSE NEEDS ARISE IN THE FUTURE. I'M GOING TO TURN IT BACK OVER TO CLIFF AT THIS POINT.

>> THANK YOU, MIKE. TO WRAP UP, WE'LL BE FINALIZING THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR STATE COURTS REPORT THIS WEEK. THE REPORT WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ONLINE WHEN IT'S DONE. AS ALWAYS, YOU CAN KEEP UP WITH ALL THE NEWS ON THE CENTRAL COURTHOUSE VIA OUR WEBPAGE, THE URL FOR THE CENTRAL COURTHOUSE WEBPAGE IS ON THE SCREEN. AS A REMINDER THAT THE CENTRAL COURTHOUSE IS A DEDICATED TWITTER FEED, ACCOUNT, @MULTCOCENTRALCOURT, AND/OR A FACEBOOK PAGE THAT YOU CAN GET TO TYPE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY CENTRAL

COURTHOUSE INTO THE FACEBOOK PAGE SEARCH ENGINE. AS I SAID A FEW MINUTES AGO, IT WOULD HAVE 40 COURTROOMS -- PAGE OUT OF ORDER. ALL THOSE MEANS OF COMMUNICATION I JUST LISTED ARE ESPECIALLY HELPFUL GIVEN ALL THAT'S COMING UP IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. MOST IMMEDIATELY AT THIS THURSDAY'S BOARD MEETING, THERE WILL BE AN ITEM COVERING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH OUR STATE PARTNERS. IN THE MONTHS AHEAD, WE WILL ALSO HAVE AN ONLINE SURVEY AND OPEN HOUSES ON THE PROJECT. THERE WILL ALSO BE A MARKET SOUNDING AND A BUSINESS CASE ANALYSIS OF THE PROJECT YOU'LL BE HEARING MORE ABOUT AS WE GO FORWARD. I'LL WRAP UP FOR NOW SO WE LEAVE ENOUGH TIME FOR QUESTIONS ON THIS NATIONAL CENTER FOR STATE COURTS REPORT. BEFORE I DO, I WANT TO REITERATE HOW EXCITING IT IS TO BE WORKING ON THIS PROJECT. IT'S EXCITING FOR A LOT OF REASONS, BUT THE ONE I'D LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT THIS MORNING IS THE GREAT TEAMWORK THAT'S GOTTEN THIS NEW CENTRAL COURTHOUSE PROJECT MOVING AT LAST. AND A HUGE PART OF THAT TEAMWORK IS THE LEADERSHIP THIS BOARD HAS PROVIDED TO GET THE NEW COURTHOUSE FOR THIS COMMUNITY. SO WITH THAT I'M HAPPY TO TAKE QUESTIONS.

>> Comm. McKeel: I HAVE A CLARIFICATION QUESTION AROUND YOUR SQUARE FOOTAGE NUMBER THAT YOU GAVE. 340 TO 360, IT'S NOW 292, THE CURRENT ONE. SO DOES THIS -- THE 340-360, DOES THAT INCLUDE WHAT'S IN THE COURTHOUSE, BECAUSE THEN WE HAD A DISCUSSION ABOUT MAYBE THE D.A. FUNCTION WOULD BE BETTER SOMEWHERE ELSE, OR -- SO I'M JUST -- I JUST WANT TO BE CLEAR ON WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT FOR SQUARE FOOTAGE, AND DOES THAT INCLUDE WHAT EXISTS IN THE COURTHOUSE NOW, OR DOES THAT -- AND EXCLUDE SOME OF THE CONSIDERATIONS THAT WE WERE LOOKING AT?

>> EXCELLENT QUESTION, COMMISSIONER MCKEEL. THE SUMMIT MANY ANSWER IS THAT THE -- THE SIMPLE ANSWER IS THAT THE D.A. FUNCTION IS BEING LOOKED AT AS POTENTIALLY SOMETHING THAT COULD BE IN AN OFF-SITE LOCATION IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE NEW CENTRAL COURT HOUSE. AND IT GOES BACK TO CHAIR KAFOURY'S COMMENT ABOUT LOOKING AT BEST USE OF SPACE, HIGHEST AND BEST USE OF SPACE, THERE AREN'T ANY DECISIONS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE AND FINALIZED AT THIS POINT, BUT THIS IS KIND OF THE ITERATIVE PROCESS THAT WE'RE GOING THROUGH.

>> Comm. McKeel: I UNDERSTAND THAT PART, I GUESS WHAT I'M ASKING, DOES THAT AFFECT THE SIZE OF THE COURTHOUSE? THE END SIZE AS WE LOOK AT THIS 340-360.

>> Chair Kafoury: I THINK WHAT SHE'S ASKING IS A SIMILAR QUESTION I ASKED AT OUR LAST MEETING, WHICH IS I WOULD LIKE A CONVERSATION ABOUT WHY ARE WE GROWING THE SPACE BUT CUTTING THE FUNCTIONS CURRENTLY IN THERE? I KNOW IT'S BECAUSE WE HAVE MULTIPLE

CORRIDORS FOR THE INCREASED SECURITY THAT WE DON'T HAVE RIGHT NOW IN THE COURTHOUSE, AND THERE'S BEEN SOME ISSUES WE'VE TALKED ABOUT, BUT I WOULD LIKE A MORE IN-DEPTH CONVERSATION ABOUT WHAT'S IN -- WHAT THE BUILDING IS GOING TO LOOK LIKE UNDER THESE PRELIMINARY PLANS THAT MAKE IT A BIGGER SPACE, BUT FEWER FUNCTIONS. SO IF WE COULD HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT THAT. WE DON'T NEED TO GO THROUGH THAT NOW, BUT IT'S SOMETHING FOR US TO --

>> ONE THING I'D LIKE TO ADD, WHEN WE LOOKED AT THE D.A. SPACE, WE ALSO LOOKED AT TOTALLY CONSOLIDATING, BECAUSE I THINK THEY HAVE 12,000 OR SO FEET AT THE PORTLAND BUILDING. SO WE PLANNED TO PUT ALL THE D.A. FUNCTIONS TOGETHER WHICH WOULD HELP FOR THEIR OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY.

>> Comm. McKeel: AND I DIDN'T MEAN TO JUST FOCUS ON THE D.A. SPACE. I KNOW WE HAD A LIST OF THINGS WE WERE LOOKING COULD BE BETTER SERVED IN A DIFFERENT LOCATION, BUT STILL BE FUNCTIONAL FOR EVERYTHING. SO IT JUST WAS THE OVERALL SQUARE FOOTAGE I WAS TRYING TO UNDERSTAND, AND I UNDERSTAND YOU TALKED ABOUT SPACE FOR SAFETY REASONS, WE NEED DIFFERENT USES IN THIS NEW COURTHOUSE, BUT I WAS JUST TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THAT SQUARE FOOTAGE ISSUE, BECAUSE THAT WILL DRIVE THE COST.

>> Comm. Shiprack: HOW MANY COURTROOMS ARE IN THE CURRENT COURTHOUSE?

>> 30 -- 39?

>> 39.

>> Comm. Smith: NOT 40?

>> THE NEW COURTHOUSE WE'RE PLANNING TO BE THERE WILL BE 40, BUT IN THE CURRENT IT'S 39.

>> Comm. Smith: MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE A QUESTION. GOING BACK TO THE D.A. SPACE, I WANT TO TRY TO FIGURE OUT HOW MUCH DOES IT COST FOR THE CURRENT -- WE SPENT A LOT OF MONEY TO GET THEM INTO THE CURRENT COURTHOUSE, TO MAKE SURE THEY WERE THERE, AND THEN TO HAVE THEM OUTSIDE AND HAVING TO PAY OUTSIDE MARKET RATE FOR THEIR OFFICES TO KIND OF BALANCE THAT TO SEE WHAT'S THE COST DIFFERENTIAL IN TERMS OF WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE TO PAY IN ANOTHER BUILDING VERSUS BEING IN THE COURTHOUSE, WE CAN ACTUALLY EXPAND THAT SO THEY CAN BE A PART OF THE COURTHOUSE.

>> THAT'S A GREAT QUESTION. ACTUALLY I WAS WORKING ON THAT THIS

WEEK WITH MIKE DAY. SO WE'VE JUST STARTED BUILDING OUT THE COST FOR WHAT IT WOULD COST TO PUT THEM IN THE COURTHOUSE WITH THE OPERATIONAL COSTS, WHAT WOULD THE COST BE TO RENT SPACE, AND WHAT ARE THE OPERATIONAL IMPACTS. WE JUST STARTED WORKING ON THAT THIS WEEK.

>> Comm. Smith: THAT'S GOING TO BE KEY FOR ME TOO.

>> Chair Kafoury: ONE OF THE THINGS COMMISSIONER SMITH THAT J.D. HAD TALKED ABOUT WAS THE OPERATIONAL PIECE WHICH IS AN -- ANOTHER INTERESTING -- IT'S NOT JUST COST PER SQUARE FOOT, BUT IT'S ALSO HOW MUCH TIME VALUE OF MONEY THEY HAVE TO LEAVE THE BUILDING, GET FILES AND COME BACK, AND THAT KIND OF THING.

>> THAT IS PART OF THE REASON WHEN WE MET WITH THE D.A. WE MADE SURE THAT WE PUT SOME ADDITIONAL SPACE IN THE COURTHOUSE, EVEN THEY WERE LOCATED IN A SEPARATE BUILDING BECAUSE THEY MAY HAVE A CASE IN THE MORNING, A BREAK, AND THEN ANOTHER CASE IN THE AFTERNOON, AND GOING BACK AND FORTH, THEY WOULD ALLOW THEM TO HAVE A LITTLE BIT MORE EFFICIENCY TO THEIR WORK AND ALSO HAVE STORAGE BECAUSE THEY POINTED OUT THEY'RE BRINGING FILES, CASE FILES BACK AND FORTH. SO HAVING A SECURE AREA WOULD HELP THEM OUT.

>> Comm. Shiprack: ANOTHER CLARIFYING QUESTION. MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE NCSC REPORT IS GUIDING US IN THE DEFINITIONS OF WHAT IS NECESSARY TO BE INCLUDED IN A FULLY FUNCTIONAL COURTHOUSE. AND THEN WHAT ELEMENTS WE SHOULD CONSIDER JUST BASED ON LOCAL CONVENIENCE OR CUSTOM.

>> I BELIEVE THAT'S A CORRECT STATEMENT, COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK. AND IT ALSO IS A STUDY THAT REALLY LOOKS AT THAT KIND OF STATEMENT OF NEED THAT PROJECTS OUT TO 2050. SO IT'S LOOKING AT IT IN A VERY HOLISTIC MANNER, NOT JUST THE CENTRAL COURTHOUSE.

>> Comm. Shiprack: ANOTHER CLARIFYING QUESTION, THE PUBLIC DEFENSE RESOURCE CENTER IS SOMETHING THAT IS NOT IN OUR CURRENT COURTHOUSE. CAN YOU TALK ABOUT THAT FOR A SECOND?

>> SURE. TO GET THE 50% MATCH FROM THE STATE, THROUGH SENATE BILL 5506, ONE OF THE REQUIREMENTS WAS THE HOUSING OF ANOTHER STATE AGENCY. SO PRESIDING JUDGE WALLER HAD BEEN TALKING TO PUBLIC DEFENSE SERVICES, AND THEY EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN BEING IN THE COURTHOUSE, AND SO WE WERE ABLE TO FIND SOME SPACES FOR THEM TO GET US FOR I THINK ROUGHLY 5,000 SQUARE FEET, \$50 MILLION. SO IT'S A VERY VALUABLE THING FOR US TO DO.

>> Chair Kafoury: GREAT. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> Chair Kafoury: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? DOES THAT CONCLUDE OUR BRIEFING THIS MORNING? EXCELLENT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON THURSDAY.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

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